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ARIA
The Scarlet Ammo

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"BUTEI."

WITHIN BUTEI REGULATIONS, THEY CAN CARRY WEAPONS, MAKE ARRESTS, AND TAKE ON SMALL AND LARGE JOBS FOR COMPENSATION.

THE "BUTEI"--INTERNATIONAL ARMED DETECTIVES--WERE COMMISSIONED TO FIGHT THE RISE OF BRUTAL CRIMES.

THEY ARE, IN OTHER WORDS, "JACKS OF ALL TRADES."

TOKYO BUTEI HIGH SCHOOL--ALSO KNOWN AS "ACADEMY ISLAND."

THE BUTEI TRAINING FACILITY IS LOCATED IN TOKYO BAY.

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BULLET 0: LOADING

I HAVE A BAD FEEL-ING--
KCHUK
GUH.
SHIRAYUKI?
KIN-CHAN!

N-NO... I JUST HAPPENED TO WAKE UP EARLY...
SO YOU CAME OVER JUST TO BRING ME LUNCH?
WASN'T IT A PAIN TO MAKE?
AND ANYWAY, SINCE I WAS TRAINING AT ISE SHRINE UNTIL YESTER-DAY...
I COULDN'T DO ANYTHING AT ALL FOR YOU OVER BREAK!
SHIRA-YUKI HOTOGI.
I'VE KNOWN HER SINCE WE WERE KIDS. SHE INHERITED A SPOT AS A PRIESTESS AT HOTOGI SHRINE.
SHE'S THE DEF-INITION OF FEMININE BEAUTY AND GRACE, BUT...
WELL... THANKS, I GUESS.
BDMP
OH?!
WHY ARE YOU THANKING ME?!
FWUMP
K-KIN-CHAN, THANK YOU...!
THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH!!
SFX: BOOOOOW
B-BECAUSE YOU ATE MY COOKING, AND EVEN THANKED ME...
Stop bowing!
TO BE HONEST, I DON'T KNOW HOW TO DEAL WITH HER.
TAP

B-BMP
THIS IS BAD...!
CHATTER
TH--
THANKS AGAIN!!
BECAUSE I...

BECAUSE THAT IS THE SORT OF THING ...
FSSSS!!
I CONSIDER COMPLETE-LY TABOO.
I DIDN'T EVEN MEAN TO LOOK!
Does she have to wear bras like that?!
SWISH
KIN-CHAN!
STARTING TODAY, WE'RE SECOND YEAR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS!
HERE'S YOUR BULLETPROOF UNIFORM AND YOUR HANDGUN!
GLOOM
IT'S NOT NORMAL.

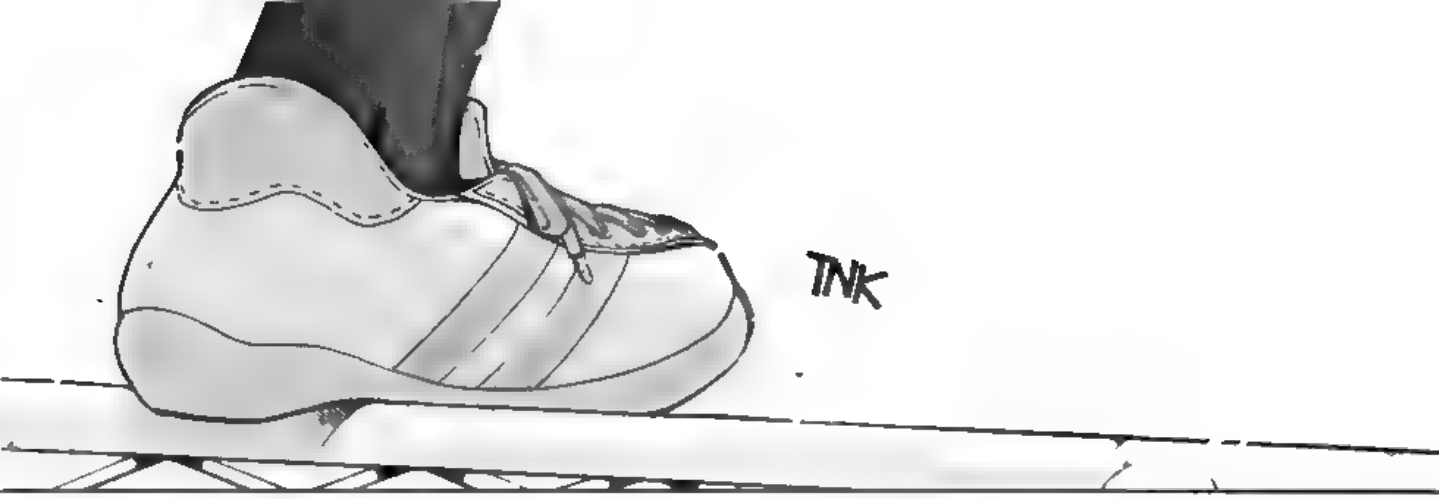
SLIDE
YOU MUSTN'T BREAK THE RULES, KIN-CHAN!
"ALL BUTEI HIGH STUDENTS MUST BE ARMED WITH GUN AND BLADE WHILE ON CAMPUS."
COME ON, I'M NOT GOING TO NEED A GUN FOR THE OPENING CEREMONY.
OUR SCHOOL, BUTEI HIGH...
...IS ANYTHING BUT NORMAL.
THE BUTEI KILLER?
YOU KNOW... THE SERIAL KILLER THEY WROTE ABOUT IN THE NEWSLETTER AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR.
FWAP
AND WHAT IF...
SOMEONE LIKE THAT "BUTEI KILLER" APPEARS AGAIN...?
OH YEAH, I REMEMBER THAT.
WEREN'T THEY CAUGHT, THOUGH?
"武偵殺し"逮捕
爆弾を用いた悪

ARTICLE HEADER: "BUTEI KILLER" CAUGHT; KILLER USED EXPLOSIVES IN BRUTAL ATTACKS
ARTICLE BODY: ON THE 14TH, THE TOKYO BUTEI OFFICE ANNOUNCED THAT . ARRESTED ON SUSPICION OF MURDER. ACCORDING TO OFFICIALS, THE SUSPECT THAT WOULD... DETONATE IF THE VICTIM ATTEMPTED TO LEAVE THE VEHICLE. INVESTIGATED SEVERAL CASES. WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF. THE SUSPECT IS KNOWN AS THE "BUTEI KILLER."

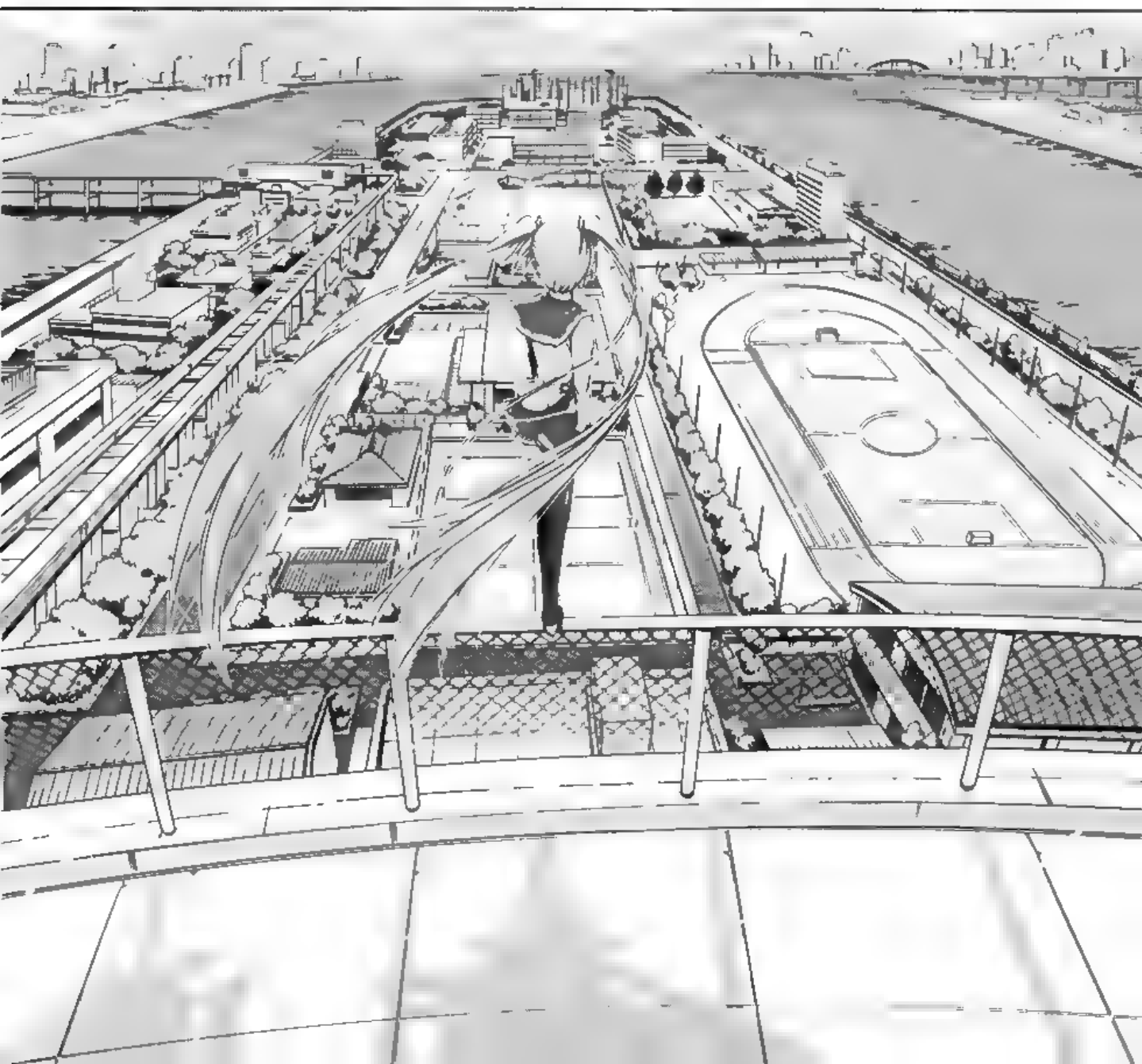
I-IF ANYTHING HAPPENED TO YOU, KIN-CHAN, I'D... I'D...!
B-BUT THERE MIGHT BE A COPYCAT...
A-AND THIS MORNING'S HOROSCOPE SAID YOU WOULD RUN INTO TROUBLE WITH WOMEN TODAY...!
SEE? I'M BRINGING THEM.
OKAY, I GET IT ALREADY!
DON'T CRY.

WHY WOULD ANYONE WANT TO BE A HERO?

...WOULD BE AN INCREDIBLE PAIN IN THE ASS--AND INCREDIBLY DANGEROUS.
I WANT TO LIVE AN ORDINARY, PEACEFUL LIFE.
ERK!
I'M NOT GONNA MAKE THE 7:58 BUS...!
I look too long
BEEP
THAT'S WHY I'M GOING TO TRANSFER...



...OUT OF THIS INSANE SCHOOL!



1弾
空から女の子が
BULLET 1:
SHE CAME
FROM THE
SKY
FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE...
I'LL PROBABLY REGRET MISSING THE 7:58 BUS THAT MORNING.
WHY, YOU ASK?
SAN 2009 TOKYO-BUTEI HIGH SCHOOL OPENING CEREMONIES

THERE IS A BOMB...
WHRRRR
WHRRRR
...STRAPPED TO YOUR BICYCLE.

WHRRRR
WHRRRR
WHRRRR
TRY TO DISMOUNT OR DECELERATE...
WHRRRR
AND IT WILL *EXPLODE.*

WHRRR
WHRRR
WHRRR
*INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION
TOKYO BUTEI HIGH SCHOOL, SECOND YEAR, INQUESTA*. KINJI TOHYAMA.
WHRRR
WHRRR
WHRRR
MY BIKE...
WHRRR
WHRRR
THERE'S A 9MM UZI TIED TO A SEGWAY DRIVING ALONGSIDE ME...
...WAS, BELIEVE IT OR NOT, HIJACKED.
AND CA STUCK TO THE BOTTOM OF MY BICYCLE SEAT.
WAIT, DOESN'T THIS FIT...
DO NOT SEEK HELP.
THE BOMB WILL DETONATE IF YOU USE YOUR MOBILE PHONE.
...THE BUTEI KILLER'S M.O.?!
*DRAMATIZATION

WHOOOSSSSH
CRAP...! WHY ME?!
WHOOOSSSSH
IT'S NOT LIKE I WANT TO BE A BUTT!!
...AM I GOING TO DIE?
IS THIS HOW I'M GOING TO DIE?
WHOOOSSSSH

A GIRL
WHOO
WHOO
WHOOO
SWISH
JUMP
HUH?

FWAP
SHE JUMPED?!
FWAP
HOLY...!
SWSH

FLAP

WH...
WHAT THE HECK?
H...
FWAP
HEY, STAY AWAY!
THERE'S A BOMB ON THIS BI--
BAM

HURRY UP AND DUCK!
HEY, IDIOT!
KCHK

BANG
BANG
SHE'S GOOD!
KRASH

SINCE WHEN DID WE HAVE ANYONE THAT SKILLED AT OUR SCHOOL?
SWSH
SHE HIT IT AT THAT DISTANCE, HANGING FROM A PARA-GLIDER...
...WITH A GUN HELD HORIZONTALLY IN EACH HAND!
CHK
SIGN: (TOP) TOKYO BLITE (BOTTOM) ATHLETIC
I HAVE TO FIND SOMEPLACE EMPTY--
TWIRL
WAIT, WHO CARES ABOUT THAT RIGHT NOW?!
FWIP
...
CLACK CLACK CLACK
CLACK CLACK CLACK CLACK

I...
I SAID STAY AWAY!
WHRRR
THERE'S A BOMB STRAPPED TO THIS BIKE!
IF I SLOW DOWN IT'LL GO OFF! YOU'LL GET CAUGHT IN THE BLA--
BAM
YOU IDIOT!

THE BUTEI CHARTER, ARTICLE ONE:
"TRUST IN YOUR ALLIES, AND ALWAYS LEND THEM YOUR AID!"
GET READY!
FWAP
GET ...
READY? FOR WHAT?
SHE'S TRYING TO SAVE ME?

FWOOM
...!!
BUT HOW--
CLACK
FWAP

YOU'VE GOTTA BE KIDDING ME...!
THAT STANCE ...
PEDAL WITH ALL YOUR MIGHT!
FLAP
COME ON, YOU IDIOT!
GAH ...!

WHRRRR
WHAT KINDA CRAZY RESCUE OPERATION IS THIS?!
BAM
YOU'RE THE IDIOT!
I DON'T HAVE ANY OTHER OPTIONS...
I JUST GOTTA DO IT!!

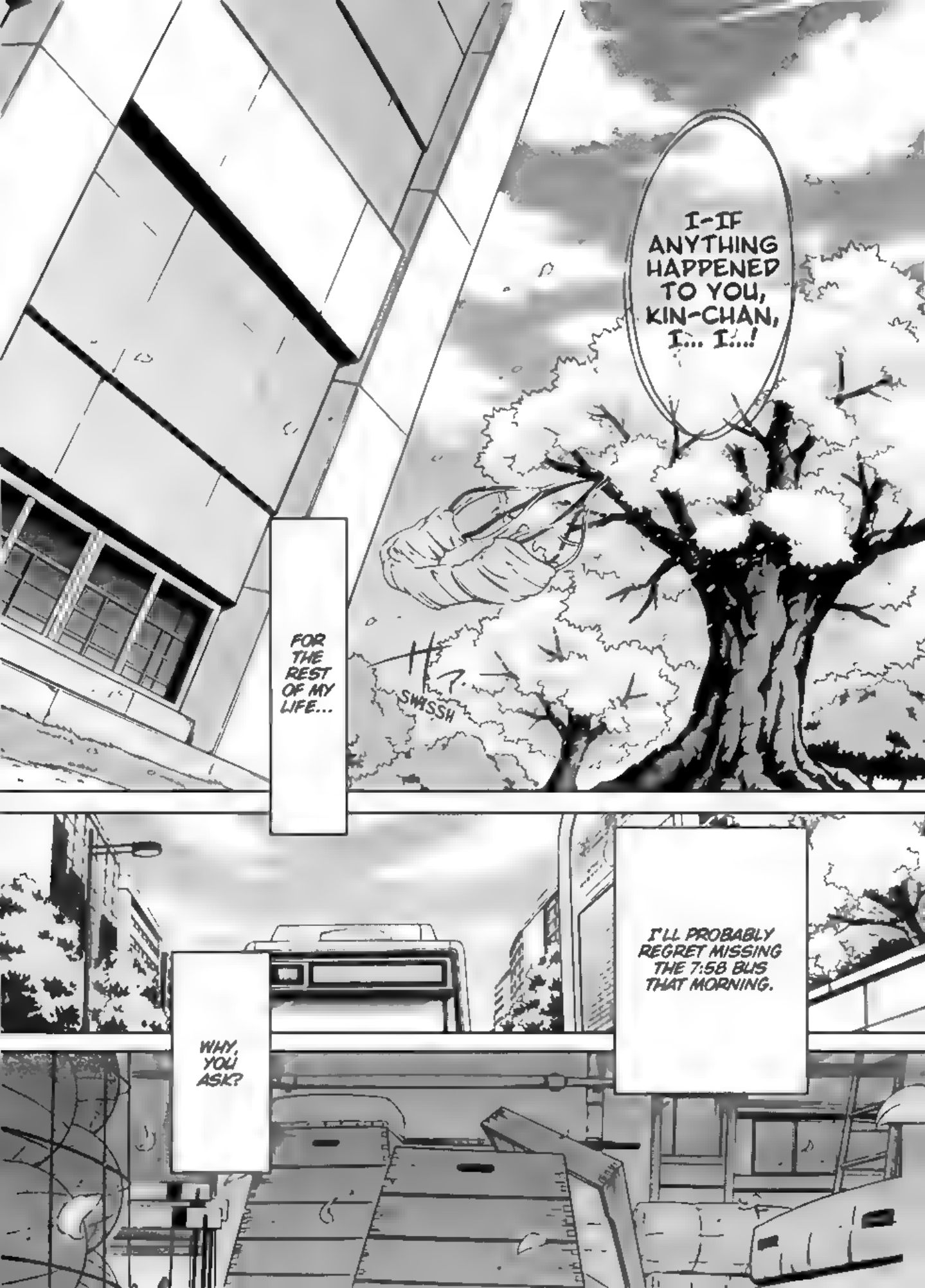
JUMP

tick
WOBBLE

KABOOM

FWOOM

OH, YEAH, THAT SERIAL KILLER, RIGHT?
WEREN'T THEY CAUGHT, THOUGH?
THE BUTEI KILLER?
B-BUT THERE MIGHT BE A COPYCAT...
A-AND THIS MORNING'S HOROSCOPE SAID YOU WOULD RUN INTO TROUBLE WITH WOMEN TODAY...!


I-IF ANYTHING HAPPENED TO YOU, KIN-CHAN, I... I...!
SWISSH
FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE...
I'LL PROBABLY REGRET MISSING THE 7:58 BUS THAT MORNING.
WHY, YOU ASK?

BECAUSE THAT GIRL..
NAMETAG, TOP: (BLANK) YEAR (BLANK) CLASS
NAMETAG, BOTTOM: ARIA H. KANZAKI
ARIA H. KANZAKI.. FELL FROM THE SKY, AND FELL INTO MY LIFE.

2弾：ヒステリアモード
BULLET 2: HYSTERIA MODE

SAY, TOHYAMA-KUN...
WE HAVE A TEENSY WEENSY FAVOR TO ASK...
STOP!
WE WANT YOU TO TEACH THAT PERVY TEACHER A LITTLE LESSON.
YOU CAN DO THAT FOR US, RIGHT, TOHYAMA-KUN?
STAY AWAY!
YOU'RE A HERO, AFTER ALL!
I'M NO HERO!
SWSH

WHERE AM I...? THERE WAS THE EXPLOSION, AND THEN...
...
SHUFFLE
...HUH?
YOU'RE... THAT GIRL?
H... HEY!
Wake! Wake!
SEEMS LIKE...
WE WERE CAUGHT IN THE BLAST AFTER SHE GRABBED ME.
NO WAY NO WAY, SHE'S WAY TOO FRIGGIN' CLOSE!!
BOMP
BOMP
NO, NO, NO, THIS IS TABOO! TABOO!!
WHOA !!

IS SHE IN OUR MIDDLE SCHOOL? NO...
MAYBE SHE'S ONE OF THOSE NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL INTERN STUDENTS...?
MAN ...
IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE THAT A GIRL THIS TINY AND CUTE JUST DID SOMETHING SO DARING...
WE MUST HAVE CRASH LANDED IN THE GYM STORAGE BUILDING ...
ST-OR-AGE
OUT-SIDE
KNOCKED OFF THE TOP OF THIS VAULT... AND GOTTEN STUCK INSIDE.
POKE
I CAN'T... BREATHE ...!
WRIGGLE
WRIGGLE
WRIGGLE
TH...
THAT'S AMAZING AND ALL, BUT...
BUT WHY IS IT IN MY FACE--
SWSH
"ARIA H. KANZAKI," HUH...
SHE HASN'T FILLED IT ALL IN YET...
年
組
神崎・H・アリア
...A NAMETAG?

NAMETAG, TOP: (BLANK) YEAR (BLANK) CLASS
NAMETAG, BOTTOM: ARIA H. KANZAKI

FLAP
--!!
ERK
IF HER BREASTS HAD BEEN ANY BIGGER, AND PRESSED INTO MY FACE...
THEN, WHETHER I WANTED TO OR NOT...
...YOU...
I WAS GRATEFUL FOR THIS ONE SMALL MERCY.
I only know the name because of my brother.
SHE'S EVEN WEARING A PUSH-PLUNGE BRA.
IT'S NOT DOING ITS JOB THOUGH!
65A-B
Ming
S...
STAY CALM. THEY'RE SMALL, SO I'M SAFE.
AND...
PHEW

TAG: PUSH-UP BRA

SHUDDER
SHUDDER
SHUDDER
SHUDDER
SHUDDER
...AH.
PERVERT !!
Y...
Y-Y-YOU..

BONK
OW!
SCUM-BAG!!

BONK
BONK
BONK
YOU MOLEST-ING!
UN-GRATE-FUL!!
MONSTER!!
BONK
BONK
BONK
BONK
H-HEY!
Q-QUIT IT!
BONK
BONK
BONK
BONK
BONK
BONK
S-STOP!
FSSH
YOU'VE GOT IT WRONG--

SO THERE WERE MORE OF THEM?!
RA
TA
T-A
TA
!!
CHIK
THE BUTEI KILLER'S TOYS!
MORE OF WHAT?!
THOSE CRAZY TWO-WHEEL-ERS!

GRAB
YOU'RE A BUTEI HIGH STUDENT, AREN'T YOU?!
WHY AREN'T YOU FIGHTING, TOO?!
I-I CAN'T!
WHAT THE HELL DO YOU THINK I CAN DO?!
"THE BUTEI KILLER."
"CRAZY TWO-WHEELERS."
SO THOSE SHOTS WERE FROM--
WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO, STUCK IN THIS BOX?
I CAN'T DO ANY-THING!
NOT AS I AM NOW...!
WH...
IT'S IMPOSS-IBLE.
RRRMMM
ALONE, I'M OUT-GUNNED ...
THERE ARE SEVEN OF THOSE THINGS OUT THERE!

!!
BANG
THERE WE GO.
AH

BY CUTENESS CUTENESS THAT'S AS SOFT AS A DREAM AND SMELLS LIKE LITTLE PEACHES
BDMP
I'M BEING SMOTHERED
AND NOW...
BDMP
BDMP
I NEVER KNEW
HDMP
BDMP
AH THIS SENSATION
I CAN FEEL MYSELF CHANGING
I'M CHANGING...
BDMP

...INTO THAT MODE.
CLICK
FWAP
SHK
BUT THEY'LL BE BACK SOON--
YOU'RE A STRONG GIRL...
...DID YOU FINISH THEM?
I ONLY DROVE THEM OUT OF RANGE.
THEY'RE HIDING BEYOND THE TREES...
AHH
YOU DID WELL TO PUSH THEM BACK.
HUH?

KYAA?!
AS YOUR REWARD

I SHALL TREAT YOU AS A PRINCESS.
?!
?!
HYSTERIA MODE

SWISH
POOMF
WH...
WH-WH...
WHAA...?!
WHUMP
NOW PLEASE, RELAX ON YOUR THRONE, PRINCESS.
WON'T YOU?

RA
TA
TA
TA
TA
TA
THERE'S NO NEED FOR THE BOTH OF US TO WIELD SOMETHING SO DANGEROUS AS A GUN.
WH...
WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU?! HAVE YOU GONE NUTS?!
THAT WOULD BE MUCH PREFERABLE TO YOU BEING SHOT, ARIA.
D-DON'T, YOU'LL GET SHOT!
WHAT'S WITH THE SUDDEN PERSONALITY CHANGE?! WHAT ARE YOU UP TO?!
WHAT THE HELL'S GOING ON?!
E-EXPLAIN YOURSELF!

I'M GOING...
...TO PROTECT YOU, ARIA.
SWSH
TMP

TA
TA
TA
TA
RA

SIGH
I CAN SEE THEM

BUT--
THEY'RE AIMING FOR MY HEAD.
AND THEIR AIM IS TRUE

FWAP
THEY WON'T HIT THEIR MARK!!
PA
TA
TA
TA

BANG
KRS
IN.
BANG
BANG
BANG
BANG
IN-
CRED-
IBLE
WHO IS
HE...?

CLATTER
CLUNK
AH.
GLAAARR
AH.
SHE... WENT BACK?
GR
RR
TWAP
H-HUH?
GRR

I-I...
I DON'T OWE YOU ANYTHING, GOT THAT?!
CLK
I COULD'VE FINISHED OFF SUCH SIMPLE TOYS BY MYSELF!
IT'S TRUE, I REALLY COULD HAVE!
CLK
AHA, SHE'S TRYING TO FIX HER SKIRT.
THE CLASP MUST HAVE BROKEN IN THAT BLAST
A-AND YOU CAN'T MAKE ME FORGET HOW YOU TRIED TO MOLEST ME!
RAWR
THAT'S SEXUAL ASSAULT! IT'S A SERIOUS CRIME!!
...ARIA.
SLIP
THAT WAS AN UNFORT-UNATE MISUNDER-STANDING.

BEYOND YOUR CONTROL, HUH?!
GRAB
I HOPE YOU UNDER-STAND THAT.
IT WAS BEYOND MY CONTROL.
CLACK
TRIP
I--
IT'S OBVIOUS WHAT HAPPENED!
STAMP
SWSH

YOU...
TRIED TO... T... T-T-T-TAKE OFF MY CLOTHES!!
W...
WHILE I WAS OUT COLD, YOU...
SLUUUSH
A-AND THEN Y... Y... YOU...
AND THAT'S A FACT! I CAUGHT YOU RED-HANDED!!
BOOM
SAW MY BOO-BS!!
B
A
M
WHAT ELSE WERE YOU GOING TO DO TO ME?!
SHE'S TAKEN STOMPING TO A WHOLE NEW LEVEL...
BAM
BAM
BAM

I'M IN HIGH SCHOOL. A SECOND YEAR STUDENT, EVEN, AS OF TODAY.
WHY WOULD I WANT TO TAKE OFF A MIDDLE SCHOOL KID'S CLOTHES? YOU'RE WAY TOO YOUNG FOR ME.
TWITCH
T... T-T-T-TAKE RESPON-SIBILITY!!
BAM
BAM
BAM
BAM
N-NOW, NOW, ARIA...
CALM DOWN AND THINK ABOUT IT.
SEE? YOU CAN RELAX.
...Uh, you okay?
--!!
HNGRAAAARRRH

That poor floor...
Hah.
S-SORRY!
BAM
KRSH
I'M NOT IN MIDDLE SCHOOOOL!!
SO YOU'RE ONE OF THE NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL INTERNS!
I HAD A FEELING YOU WERE.
THAT'S INCREDIBLE, ARIA-CHAN! YOU'RE SUCH A BRAVE...
Y...
YOU IDIOT...
I SHOULD'VE LEFT YOU TO DIE!!
DOOOM
DOOOOM
...little girl!
SLAP

WHOA!!
PING
BANG
BANG
...IN HIGH SCHOOL !!!
DUNNN
I'M A SECOND YEAR...
...W...
WAIT!!
...SAY WHAT?

BANG
BANG
BANG
BANG
BANG
BANG
BANG
FWAP
ALL RIGHT, SHE'S EMPTY--
...HR-AHH!!
!!

NOTE: CQC STANDS FOR CLOSE QUARTERS COMBAT. PART OF MILITARY/LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING
SHE KNOWS CQC, TOO?!
FWP
ESSSH
WHAM
AND SHE'S FRIGGIN' GOOD AT IT!
I'VE NEVER LET A SUSPECT ESCAPE!
NOT ONCE!!
YOU CAN'T GET AWAY FROM ME!
TMP TMP
!!
H-HUH?
WHERE'S ...
RUSTLE
SWSH

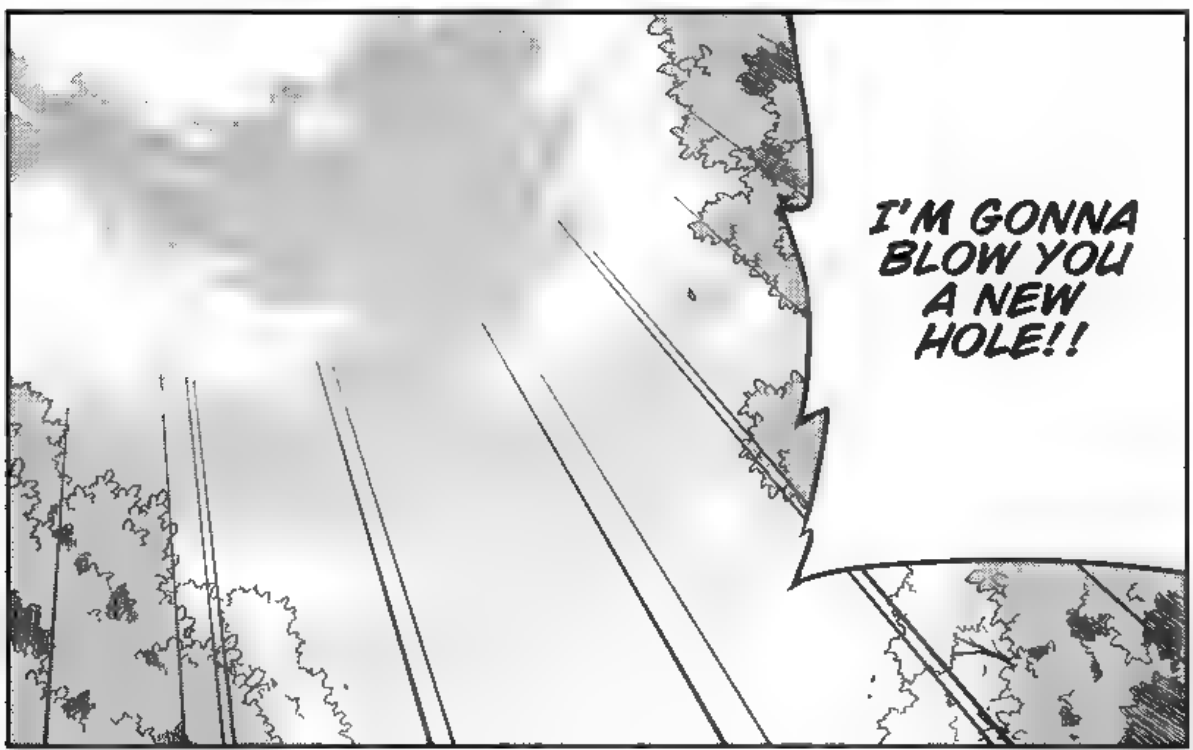
FWSH
SFX: FFFFFFFFFFFF
Wow...
...
...
...
SHE'S FUMING MAD...
TOSS
SORRY!
AHHH!!
FWAP
...I...
I WON'T LET YOU OFF FOR THIS!
SHK

YOU COME CRAWLING TO ME ON YOUR HANDS AND KNEES!
SHING
EVEN IF...
DASH
NOW IT'S KATANAS?!
SURRENDER YOURSELF QUIETLY, YOU PERVERTED FI--
FSSH
FSSH
FSSH
SWISH
WHIZZ

WARGH?!
SLIP
SLAM
ARIA'S COMBAT SKILLS ARE FAR SUPERIOR TO THOSE OF ORDINARY PEOPLE.
SLIP
WHAM
Y-YOU FIEND--
--BLARGH!
CLINK
THP

ON THE OTHER HAND, WHEN I'M IN HYSTERIA MODE...
BUT RIGHT NOW? SHE'S OVERCOME WITH ANGER AND EMBARRASSMENT. SHE CAN'T KEEP HER COOL.

JUST YOU WAIT, COWARD!
A HUNDRED FBI AGENTS COULD BE ON MY TAIL, AND I'D STILL GET AWAY.


I'M GONNA BLOW YOU A NEW HOLE!!

...MET THE GIRL WHO WOULD STRIKE FEAR IN THE HEARTS OF CRIMINALS EVERYWHERE AS THE DEMON BUTEI: "ARIA THE SCARLET AMMO"...
ARIA H. KANZAKI.
THAT WAS HOW I MET TOHYAMA.

IT WAS AN ENCOUNTER FILLED WITH THE STENCH OF GUNPOWDER...

THE WORST KIND OF ENCOUNTER OF ALL.

NOTE: LOGI = LOGISTICS.

GLOOMY SO EARLY?
YOU'RE THAT UPSET ABOUT BEING IN A DIFFERENT CLASS THAN MUTOU-SAN?
I'M NOT SAD
MUTOU
DON'T YOU DARE TALK ABOUT WOMEN AROUND ME NOW
SHE SAW. A GIRL SAW IT.

"HYSTERIA SAINT SYNDROME."

β-endorphin
I JUST CALL IT "HYSTERIA MODE."
WHEN THE BETA-ENDORPHINS RELEASED IN THE BODY OF SOMEONE WITH THIS SYNDROME REACH A CERTAIN AMOUNT...
THEIR BODY ACTIVATES ABOUT 30 TIMES MORE NEURO-TRANSMITTERS THAN NORMAL.
SO THE ENTIRE CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM--THE CEREBRUM, THE CEREBELLUM, AND THE SPINAL CORD--SPEEDS UP DRAMATICALLY.
SO, WHEN I'M IN HYSTERIA MODE...
SWISH
I'M SUDDENLY IN OVERDRIVE--IT'S LIKE I BECOME A DIFFERENT PERSON ALTOGETHER.
BANG
MY LOGICAL THINKING SKILLS, JUDGMENT ABILITIES...
AND EVEN MY REFLEXES GO THROUGH THE ROOF.
AND SO ON. YADDA YADDA.
LAST TIME IT HAPPENED ...
...WAS DURING OUR ENTRANCE EXAMS.
THIS ABILITY ...

TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP
BE-CAUSE ...
ESPECIALLY GIRLS.
...IS SOMETHING THAT NO ONE SHOULD EVER FIND OUT ABOUT.
Tokyo Butei High School Testing Hall
IT'S NOT GONNA BE FUNNY IF I FAIL BECAUSE I WAS LATE!
CRAP.. I WANTED TO GET INTO THIS SCHOOL SO I COULD GET AWAY FROM THE GIRLS BACK HOME...
BAM
H... HELP!
SOMEONE, HELP ME! THESE AWFUL PEOPLE ARE--
WUMP
THE ENDORPHIN RELEASE IS CAUSED BY-- WELL, TO PUT IT SIMPLY...

IT HAPPENS WHEN I'M TURNED ON.
CHO...

N-NO, I...
I JUST BUMPED INTO HIM...!
ALREADY HAD A CUSTOMER, DIDJA?
IF YOU DON'T LIKE THAT, YOU CAN ALWAYS HAVE OUR SLOPPY SECONDS...
SORRY, BUD, BUT SHE'S GOT A PLAY DATE WITH US.
PAT
WHOOSH

MEN BASICALLY "POWER UP" WHEN PROTECTING WOMEN--IT'S INSTINCTIVE, SO THEY CAN LEAVE BEHIND DESCENDANTS.
APPARENTLY HYSTERIA MODE IS SOME KIND OF EVOLVED FORM OF THAT INSTINCT.
BASH
AND BECAUSE OF THAT INSTINCT...
WH...
YOU ASS-HOLE!
WHENEVER I'M IN HYSTERIA MODE...
THERE'S AN UNFORTUNATE SIDE EFFECT: I ACT STRANGE AROUND GIRLS.

FWP
FWP
FIRST OFF...
CRACK
THUD
NO MATTER WHAT, I FEEL DRIVEN TO PROTECT THEM.
POW
I'LL DO EVERYTHING IN MY POWER TO FIGHT FOR HER NEEDS.
AS LONG AS THERE'S A DAMSEL IN DISTRESS...
THOSE STRANGE MEN SURROUNDED ME AND..
SWISH
SECOND...
THANK YOU SO MUCH!
I... I WAS ON MY WAY TO THE EXAM HALL WHEN...
MURMUR
MURMUR
MURMUR
TH...

AND THIS IS WHAT REALLY GETS TO ME...
HERE I WAS WONDERING HOW MUCH LIVING IN TOKYO WOULD HAVE MATURED YOU...
BUT IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE AS MUCH OF A TROUBLE MAGNET AS EVER, SHIRAYUKI.
K...
K-KIN-CHAN?!
I SUDDENLY START ACTING SUAVE AROUND THEM.
THIS IS THE INSTINCT TO CONTINUE THE SPECIES AT WORK--IT'S THE VERY FOUNDATION OF HYSTERIA MODE.
APPARENTLY, IT MAKES ME ACT IN A WAY GIRLS WOULD FIND CHARMING.
SOB
K-KIN-CHAN KIN-CHAAAN ...
DO I LOOK LIKE A GHOST TO YOU, SHIRA-YUKI?
KIN-CHAN, IS IT REALLY YOU?!

DIRTY MAGAZINES AND DVDS AREN'T A BIG DEAL.
I'm not interested anyway
I just don't look at them.
BUT GIRLS IN THE FLESH AREN'T SO EASY TO AVOID.
THEY HAVE HIDDEN WEAPONS IN THEIR SHIRTS, BENEATH THEIR SKIRTS...
THEY'RE WALKING BOMBS.
DAMMIT...
THIS ABILITY IS A BURDEN. IT'S A PAIN IN THE ASS. IT'S SERIOUSLY EMBARRASSING. AND...
JUST MY LUCK THAT HEREDITY WOULD CURSE ME...
WHEN I'M IN HYSTERIA MODE, I'M ALL ABOUT BEING GENTLE WITH THEM, PRAISING THEM, COMFORTING THEM.
And lots of unnecessary touching.
AFTER IT'S OVER, REMEMBERING HOW MUCH OF A GIGOLO I BECAME MAKES ME WANT TO CURL UP AND DIE,
BUT WHAT I REALLY WANT IS TO JUST STAY AWAY FROM GIRLS FOREVER...
HUGH

IT TOOK MY BROTHER!
GLARE
...UGH.
TODAY'S DUG UP TOO MANY BAD MEMORIES...
SO, SHE--
CLACK
GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE! IT'S TIME FOR YOUR FIRST HOMEROOM AS SECOND YEAR STUDENTS!
WE HAVE A CUTE NEW CLASSMATE WHO TRANSFERRED IN DURING THIRD SEMESTER LAST YEAR. WHY DON'T YOU INTRODUCE YOURSELF?
TO START US OFF, HEE HEE...

ARIA H. KANZAKI, OF THE ASSAULT DIVISION!
CLACK
D-DON'T MIND ME...
She was in my blind spot!
TOHYAMA-KUN, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
I'M SCREWED! SHE REALLY WILL SHOOT ME THIS TI--
TMD
WHY DID SHE HAVE TO BE IN THE SAME CLASS AS ME?!

I WANT TO SIT NEXT TO HIM!
SENSEI!
SST
GASP
WHAT?

K...
KINJI, YOU LUCKY BASTARD YOU!! SO YOU'VE FINALLY JOINED US IN THE SPRINGTIME OF YOUTH!!
SENSEI! I'LL SWITCH SEATS WITH THE NEW GIRL!
SWSH
SWSH
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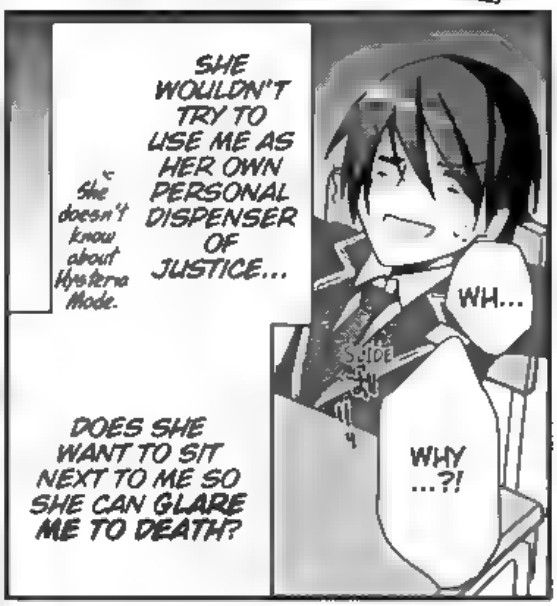
SWSH


SHE WOULDN'T TRY TO USE ME AS HER OWN PERSONAL DISPENSER OF JUSTICE...
*She doesn't know about Hysteria Mode.
DOES SHE WANT TO SIT NEXT TO ME SO SHE CAN GLARE ME TO DEATH?
WH...
SLIDE
WHY ...?!

OH, MY! TODAY'S HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS ARE SO AGGRES-SIVE...!
OKAY, MUTOU-KUN! GO AHEAD AND SWITCH SEATS WITH HER!
I DON'T KNOW A THING ABOUT HER!
NO, YOU'VE GOT IT WRONG!!
NOT TO MENTION SHE'S A RAMPAGING LUNATIC WHO TRIED TO PUMP ME FULL OF LEAD!!
YEAAAH
CLAP
BSH
No last name?
KINJI.
YOUR BELT.
SWAP
CLICK
OH. MY. GOD !!
JOLT
SH

I KNOW!
I TOOOTALLY SOLVED IT!
2-A
THERE ARE CLUES, LIKE, ALL OVER THE PLACE!
RIKO?!
THIS WEIRDO ...
CALL ON MEEE!
SHE'S RIKO MINE... THE NUMBER ONE IDIOT IN INQUESTA.
KII-KUN'S NOT WEARING A BELT!
SWSH
WHAT A MYSTERY, AM I RIGHT?!
BUT LIKE, PIGTAIL GIRL HAS HIS BELT!
BSH
I HIGHLY DOUBT HER "SOLUTION" WILL BE ON THE MARK.
BUT I'VE, LIKE, ALREADY SOLVED THE CASE!

THESE TWO--
AND THEN HE TOTALLY FORGOT HIS BELT IN HER ROOM!
KII-KUN DID A CERTAIN SOMETHING THAT MADE HIM TAKE HIS BELT OFF IN FRONT OF HER!
ARE HAVING A SUPER HOT LOVE AFFAIR!!!
KYM!
CLISP
Y...
YOUUUU ...
YOU DIDN'T SEEM INTERESTED IN ANYONE, LET ALONE GIRLS! SO THIS IS WHAT YOU'VE BEEN UP TO ALL ALONG, EH...?
WHAT A PERV!
TWIRL
RUB
RUB
TWIRL
AND HERE I THOUGHT YOU WERE LAYIN' LOW!
K-KINJI, WHEN'D YOU SCORE SUCH A CUTE GIRL?!

BANG
PLINK

L...
SWSH
SWSH
SWSH
SWSH
LOVE IS FOR FOOLS!
KCHK
EVERY-BODY LISTEN UP!
IF ANYBODY EVER SAYS SOMETHING THAT STUPID AGAIN...

I'LL BLOW YOU...
A NEW HOLE!
BING
BING
BONG
BING
BONG

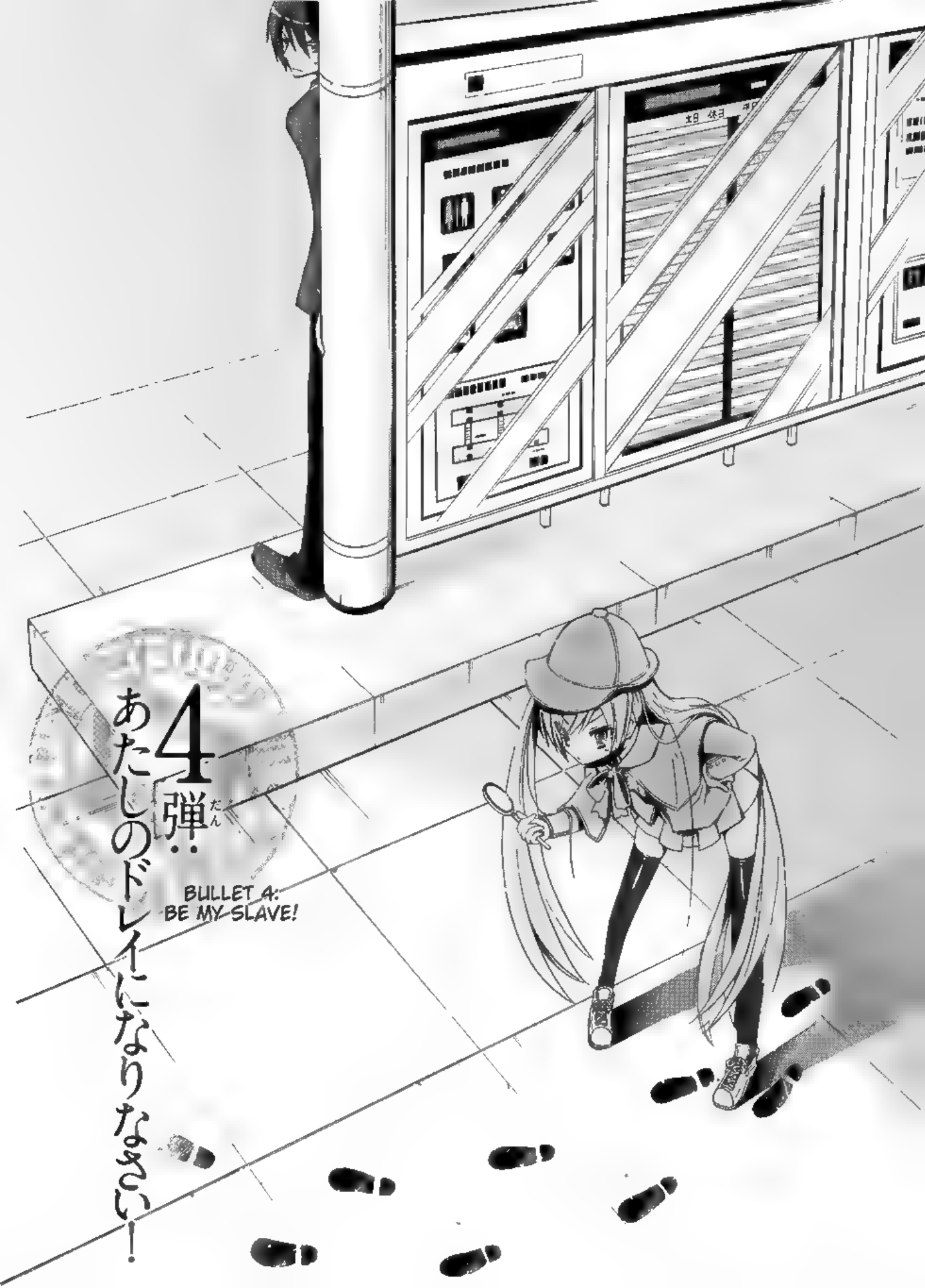
SFX: RAAAA
KINJI! EXPLAIN YOURSELF!
WHAT ARE YOU TO KANZAKI-SAN?!
AH! HE'S GETTING AWAY!
FWOOSH
THEY CAN ASK ME ABOUT HER, BUT...
CLNK
I DON'T HAVE ANY ANSWERS.
I ONLY MET HER THIS MORNING, WHEN SHE SAVED ME FROM THAT BIKE HIJACKING, AND THEN SHE CHASED ME AROUND. THAT'S ALL THERE IS BETWEEN US.
SIGH
I DON'T KNOW THE LITTLEST THING ABOUT HER.

THAT SECOND YEAR GUY WHOSE BIKE WAS BLOWN UP...
IT HAD TO HAVE BEEN KINJI!
SWSH
DID YOU SEE THE LATEST NEWSLETTER FROM THE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION?
THEY'RE ...
GIRLS FROM MY CLASS. FROM THE ASSAULT DIVISION.
I FEEL PRETTY BAD FOR HIM.
FIRST HIS BIKE GETS BLOWN UP, AND NOW ARIA?
GEEZ... SOMEBODY UP THERE'S GOT IT OUT FOR KINJI TODAY!
YEAH!
THAT'S WHAT I THINK, TOO--HE WASN'T AT THE OPENING CEREMONY.
TOTALLY. ARIA WAS LOOKING FOR HIM ALL MORNING.

...ABOUT HIS RECORD AS A BUTEI.
SO I JUST TOLD HER HE USED TO BE A GREAT ASSAULT MEMBER.
SHE CAME UP TO ME AND ASKED...
OH YEAH.
SO, SINCE THIS MORNING ...
SINCE THE EXPLOSION... SHE'S BEEN TRYING TO STALK ME?
SHE WAS GOING TO THE STAFF ROOM EARLIER.
PROBABLY TO FISH FOR HIS RECORDS ...
OH MY GOD, SHE'S HEAD OVER HEELS!
SHE TOTALLY CAN'T TAKE A HINT! MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE SHE GREW UP IN EUROPE?
ISN'T SHE POPULAR WITH THE BOYS, THOUGH?
POOR KINJI!
EVERYONE KNOWS HE HATES GIRLS-- AND NOW ARIA'S AFTER HIM!

¥28,000
¥20,000
¥15,000
WAIT, WE HAVE THOSE CLASSES?
What's wrong with this school?
OH, I REMEMBER THAT! THE PHOTOS FROM FIGURE SKATING CLASS AND CHEERLEADING CLASS AND STUFF WERE SELLING FOR HIGH PRICES!
LIKE, THE PHOTO CLUB WAS SNAPPING PICS OF HER AND SELLING THEM!
OH YEAH... SHE HAD A FAN CLUB PRACTICALLY THE MOMENT SHE TRANSFERRED IN.
EWW, WHAT A WEIRDO...!
AND SHE ALWAYS EATS LUNCH ALONE...
...IN AN EMPTY CORNER OF THE CLASSROOM.
I DON'T THINK SHE ACTUALLY HAS ANY FRIENDS.
SHE MISSES SCHOOL A LOT.
BUT YOU KNOW ...
I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW...
...THAT ARIA EXISTED, UNTIL TODAY.

BUT APPARENTLY, SHE'S SOMEONE WHO STICKS OUT.
EVEN IN A SCHOOL FULL OF CRAZIES.



4弾 あたしのドレイになりなさい！

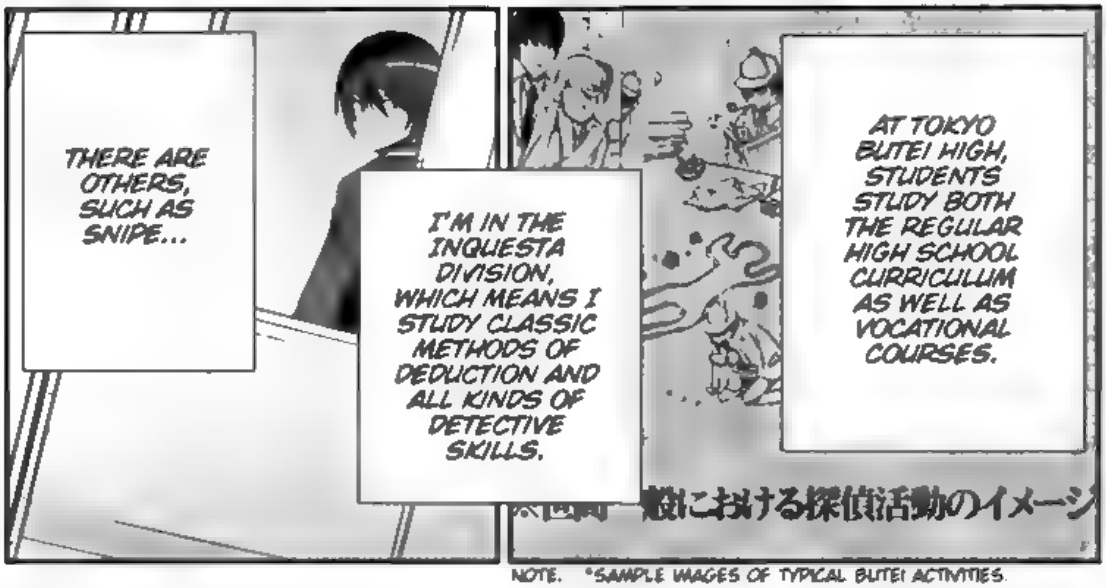
BULLET 4:
BE MY SLAVE!

THAT'S IT FOR TODAY.
Ahem...
AS ALWAYS, BE CAREFUL NOT TO RUSH INTO ANYTHING UNPREPARED, AND AVOID DISCHARGING YOUR WEA--
BING
BONG
BONG
BING
SLAM
WHSH
BAM!
KINJI! STOP!

DAMMIT, HE GOT AWAY!
SHOOO
TAP TAP TAP
E-EVERY-ONE ...
PLEASE AT LEAST LET ME FINISH TALKING...!
FIGURES! RIGHT, KANZAKI-SAN?
HE'S ALWAYS LIKE THAT WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT GI... HUH?
Whoa!
Wow!
He's one fast dude!
Ahh!
Ooh!
SHUDDER
CLACK
FWSSSHHH
TODAY WAS TOO MUCH...
I'M BEAT ...
PLOD

I'LL ONLY BE HERE A LITTLE LONGER, ANYWAY.
...WHATEVER.

BUTEI HIGH--TOKYO BUTEI HIGH SCHOOL.
CLUNK
CLUNK
IT WAS BUILT ON A FLOATING ISLAND--A "MEGAFLOAT," ABOUT TWO KILOMETERS ACROSS--SOUTH OF THE RAINBOW BRIDGE.
To Shinagawa
IT'S NICKNAMED "ACADEMY ISLAND."
THE WHOLE ISLAND IS A TRAINING FACILITY FOR NEW BUTEI.
▷ To Daiba
OF


AT TOKYO BUTEI HIGH, STUDENTS STUDY BOTH THE REGULAR HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM AS WELL AS VOCATIONAL COURSES.
I'M IN THE INQUESTA DIVISION, WHICH MEANS I STUDY CLASSIC METHODS OF DEDUCTION AND ALL KINDS OF DETECTIVE SKILLS.
THERE ARE OTHERS, SUCH AS SNIPE...

NOTE. *SAMPLE IMAGES OF TYPICAL BUTEI ACTIVITIES.

. . IS THE DIVISION I WAS IN UNTIL SECOND SEMESTER LAST YEAR. ASSAULT
BUT THE MOST NOTORIOUS OF THEM ALL. . .
I'VE LIVED ALONE IN THIS DORM ROOM SINCE JANUARY.
THUMP
Tohyama

IT'S ACTUALLY MEANT FOR FOUR PEOPLE...
BUT WHEN I SWITCHED TO THE INQUESTA DIVISION, THERE WEREN'T ANY OTHER INQUESTA GUYS FOR ME TO ROOM WITH.
ROLL
ROLL
SO NONE OF THE OTHER BUTEI HIGH WACKJOBS INVADE MY PEACEFUL SPACE HERE. IT'S SO RELAXING.
I LOVE BEING ALONE!
IT'S LIKE THIS MORNING NEVER HAPPENED...
SPEAKING OF THIS MORNING, THE RAPIER DIVISION BAGGED THE REMAINS OF THAT SEGWAY.
AND INQUESTA STUDENTS BEGAN INVESTIGATING.

(A TYPICAL DAY AT BUTEI HIGH)

SO OF COURSE THERE WOULDN'T BE MUCH FUSS OVER A MERE ATTEMPTED MURDER.
NO MATTER HOW YOU SLICE IT, DANGEROUS INCIDENTS HAPPEN EVERY DAY HERE.

THEN THEY MAKE THEIR DEMANDS.
THEY BOMB INDISCRIMI-NATELY, AS LONG AS IT'LL GET THEM ATTENTION.
BOMBERS ARE THE WORLD'S MOST COWARDLY CRIMINALS. THEY'RE NOT PICKY ABOUT THEIR TARGETS.

DING DONG
OR WAS I THE TARGET?
DOES SOME-ONE HAVE SOME-THING AGAINST ME?
DING DONG
SO WAS I JUST UNLUCKY?
DID IT JUST HAPPEN TO BE MY BIKE?
DING DONG
GRR
QUIT THAT AL-READY!
KCHK
I'D AT LEAST LIKE SOME PEACE AND QUIET AFTER SCHOOL--
YOU'RE SLOW!
GRR
YOU SHOULD ANSWER THE DOOR WITHIN FIVE SECONDS AFTER I RING THE DOORBELL!

WHAT?
K...
KANZAKI?!

NO WAY.
WHY IS SHE HERE?!
TMP
JUST ARIA'S FINE.
H...
TMP
HEY!
KWAP
SLIP
DON'T JUST LET YOUR-SELF IN!
BRING MY TRUNK INSIDE!
TMP Z.. TMP
WHERE'S YOUR BATHROOM?
...CRAP.
Found it.

OF COURSE SHE COULD TAIL ME...
A TRUNK ...?
THIS IS BUTEI HIGH.
TANTEI: DETECTIVE /DI"TEKTIV/
A PERSON WHOSE OCCUPATION IS TO INVESTIGATE AND SOLVE CRIMES. "PRIVATE DETECTIVE" "DETECTIVE NOVEL"
BUSOU: ARMED /AERMD/
EQUIPPED WITH OR CARRYING A WEAPON OR WEAPONS. "ARMED FORCES"
BUTEI AS IN "BUSOU TANTEI"-- ARMED DETECTIVE.
IF SOMEBODY SAW A GIRL'S TRUNK IN FRONT OF MY DOOR...
I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS.
I'D BETTER WARN SHIRAYUKI ABOUT COMING OVER, TOO.
DON'T THEY UNDERSTAND THIS IS A BOYS' DORM?
Heavy...
Ugh.
CHUNK
WHO KNOWS WHAT KIND OF RUMORS MIGHT SPREAD.

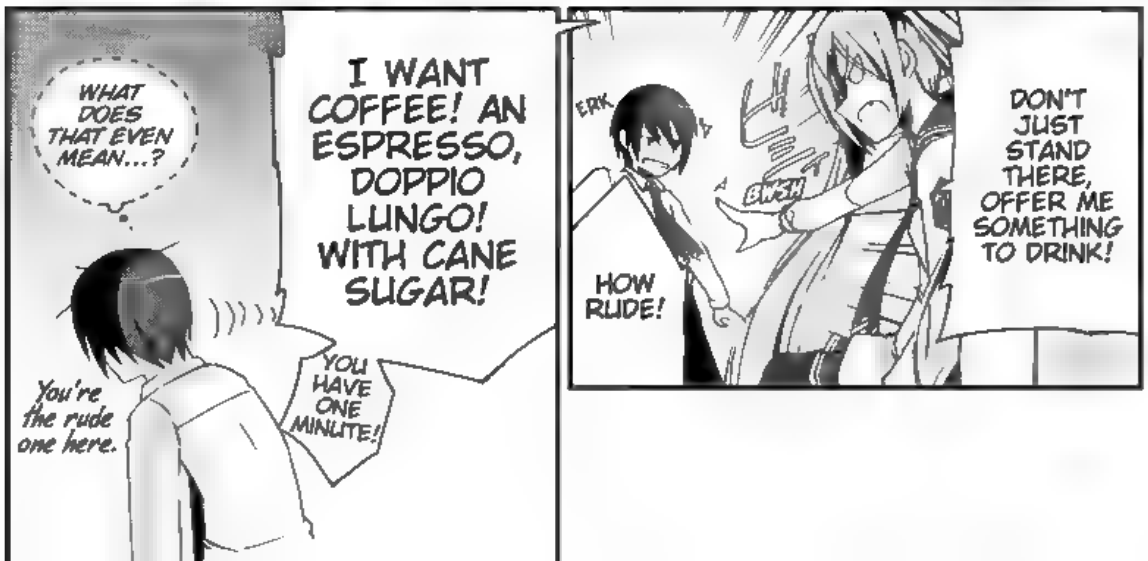
THAT'LL DO? WHAT?
Sheesh...
YOU LIVE HERE ALONE?
RIGHT NOW I DO. SO?
HMM.
THAT'LL DO.
SWISH
SWISH...

KINJI...
BE MY SLAVE!

HWOO
HWOO
HWOO

NO WAY.
THIS IS JUST... NO WAY.
FIRST, SHE COMES OUT OF NOWHERE TO SAVE ME.
THEN, BEFORE I KNOW IT SHE'S TRYING TO KILL ME.
THEN, SHE TAKES THE SEAT NEXT TO MINE, AND BARGES INTO MY OWN HOME...

AND NOW SHE WANTS ME TO BE HER SLAVE?
FWUMP
(DRAMATIZATION)


I WANT COFFEE! AN ESPRESSO, DOPPIO LUNGO! WITH CANE SUGAR!
WHAT DOES THAT EVEN MEAN...?
You're the rude one here.
YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE!
DON'T JUST STAND THERE, OFFER ME SOMETHING TO DRINK!
ERK
SWISH
HOW RUDE!

ほっ
TONK
STA
AARE
...
WHAT AN ODD FLAVOR... IT'S A BIT LIKE GREEK COFFEE.
BUT NOT QUITE...
SIP
ARE YOU SURE THIS IS COFFEE?
She's never had instant coffee?
THAT'S ALL I HAVE. JUST BE HAPPY.
SNIFF
SNIFF

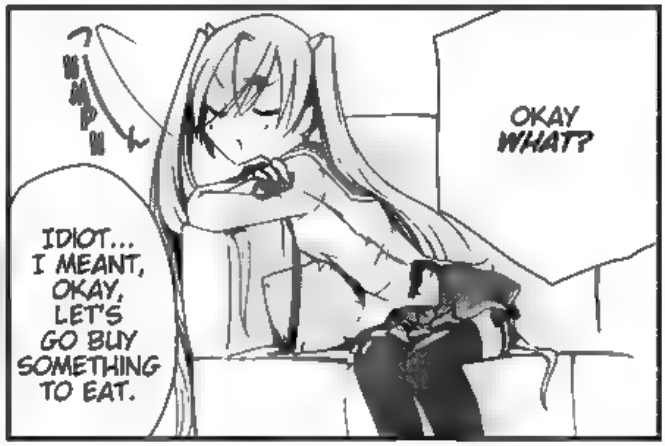
I'M GRATEFUL THAT YOU SAVED ME THIS MORNING. REALLY.
AND...
I'M SORRY IF I SAID ANYTHING THAT MADE YOU MAD.
WHO CARES?
KREE
ANYWAY, LOOK...
BUT WHAT GIVES YOU THE RIGHT TO FORCE YOUR WAY IN HERE?
...
HOW COULD I?
YOU DON'T KNOW?
CLINK
I THOUGHT YOU'D HAVE REALIZED ALREADY.
YOU WILL BEFORE LONG, ANYWAY.

I'M HUNGRY.
WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO EAT?
SWSH
DOMP

OH, THAT LITTLE MINIMART?
OKAY.
I JUST GO AND BUY STUFF FROM THE CONVENIENCE STORE.

OF COURSE YOU HAVE SOME-THING.
YOU HAVE TO EAT.
NOTHIN'.
SWSH

IT'S DINNER TIME, ISN'T IT?
SHE CAN'T TAKE A HINT...
DOOOM


OKAY WHAT?
IDIOT... I MEANT, OKAY, LET'S GO BUY SOMETHING TO EAT.

HEY, DO THEY SELL THOSE PEACH BUNS THERE?
I WANT SOME!
SPROING
TMP
TMP
TMP
ERK

VWEE
DARKNESS.
POISON.
THERE ARE THREE THINGS A BUTEI SHOULD ALWAYS BE WARY OF.

THAT WAS HER FIFTH ONE...
Where does she fit it all?
NOM
NOM
NOM
AHHH
AND WOMEN.
HEY...
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY SLAVE, ANYWAY?
SWIP
LABEL, TOP: NEW!
BOTTOM: MATSUMOTOYA'S PEACH BUNS
PEACH BUNS WERE POPULAR AGES AGO.
THEY'RE JUST NORMAL RED BEAN PASTE BUNS, BUT SHAPED LIKE A PEACH.
ARE THEY REALLY THAT GOOD?

I WANT YOU TO JOIN MY TEAM IN ASSAULT.
BWSH
WORK WITH ME AS A BUTEI.
WH--
I'M NOT GOING BACK TO ASSAULT! I TRANSFERRED TO INQUESTA BECAUSE THEY'RE THE MOST NORMAL DIVISION!
CLACK
ARE YOU LISTENING TO ME?
THERE ARE THREE PHRASES I HATE.
PLUS, I'M TRANSFERRING TO A NORMAL SCHOOL AND QUITTING BEING A BUTEI ALTOGETHER!
転出申請書
AND NOW YOU WANT ME TO GO BACK TO THAT PSYCHO COURSE? THERE'S NO WAY!
"THERE'S NO WAY."
"I'M TOO TIRED."
"IT'S TOO MUCH TROUBLE."
THESE ARE AWFUL WORDS. PEOPLE LIMIT THEMSELVES WITH THOSE EXCUSES.

PAPER: TRANSFER APPLICATION

FRONTMAN: THE ADVANCE GUARD IN A BUTEI TEAM. THIS POSITION HAS THE HIGHEST RISK OF INJURY
YOUR POSITION SHOULD BE... HMM...
YOU SHOULD BE A FRONTMAN WITH ME. OKAY?
GULP
NEVER SAY THEM IN FRONT OF ME AGAIN.
UNDER-STAND?
She's going way off topic again.
WHY DOES THE MOON SHINE?
WHY DOES THE SUN RISE?
SMACK
HECK NO!
WHY DO YOU WANT ME ON YOUR TEAM, ANYWAY?!
TRYING TO TALK WITH HER IS LIKE TALKING TO A BRICK WALL.
LOOK, JUST GO HOME!
I WANT TO BE ALONE!
YOU ASK SO MANY QUESTIONS, JUST LIKE A CHILD!
YOU'RE A BUTEI-- GATHER CLUES AND MAKE A DEDUCTION YOURSELF!
THIS IS USE-LESS.
CLENCH
SNAP

I WILL WHEN I'M READY.
AND WHEN'LL THAT BE?
KRSH
KRSH
WHEN YOU'VE AGREED TO JOIN MY TEAM.
IT'S ALREADY DARK OUT.
I'LL HAVE YOU JOIN NO MATTER WHAT IT TAKES.
I DON'T HAVE ANY TIME...
CLENCH
IF YOU WON'T SAY YES--
I WON'T.
SO? WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?
THEN I'M STAYING OVERNIGHT.

H... HOLD ON! YOU CAN'T DO THAT!
GO HOME!
SHUT UP! I'M STAYING AS LONG AS I HAVE TO!
DWIP
I CAME PREPARED FOR BATTLE!
BADUMP
WHAT?!
SO THAT'S WHAT THE TRUNK'S FOR!
Oh man...
DOOOOM

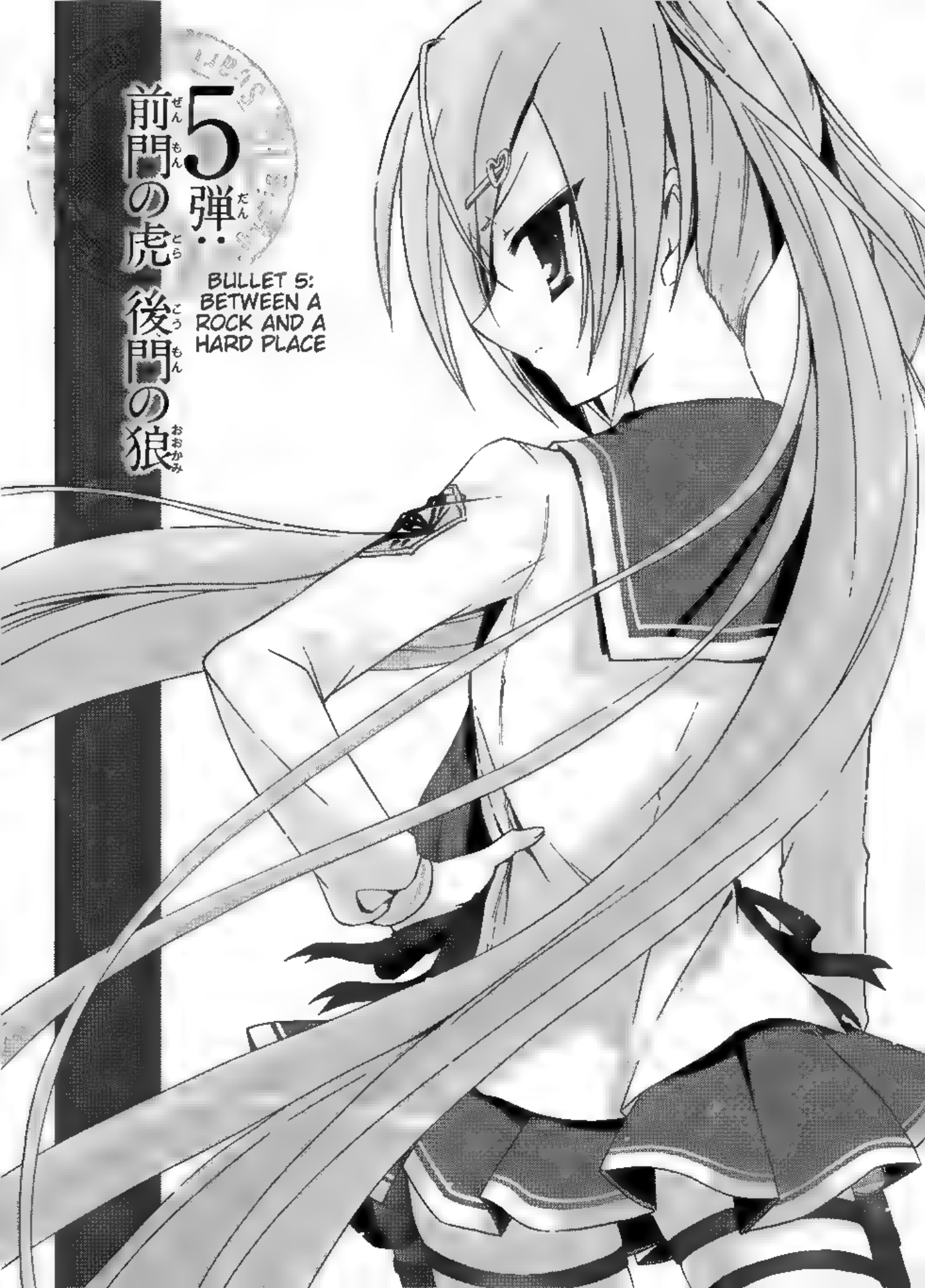
WH--
SMP
GET OUT!!
WHY SHOULD I LEAVE?!
IT'S YOUR PUNISH-MENT FOR BEING A BLOCKHEAD!
GO COOL YOUR HEAD!
AND DON'T YOU DARE COME BACK FOR A WHILE!
24
Welcome~
SSM

WHY IS SHE GOING THIS FAR? WHAT IS SHE AFTER?
HOW DOES SHE BENEFIT FROM ME GOING BACK TO THE ASSAULT DIVISION?
BEFORE I KNEW IT, SHE HAD CHASED ME OUT.
Yeah.
Wasn't he just here?
IT'S BEEN A WHILE... MAYBE I CAN GO BACK.
Thank you, come again!
KOKE

GOOD.
Maybe I go through to her
SHE MUST'VE GONE HOME.
HUH?
I DON'T SEE HER...
SPLISH
SPLASH
SPLASH
OH, SO SHE'S IN THE BATH.
...?

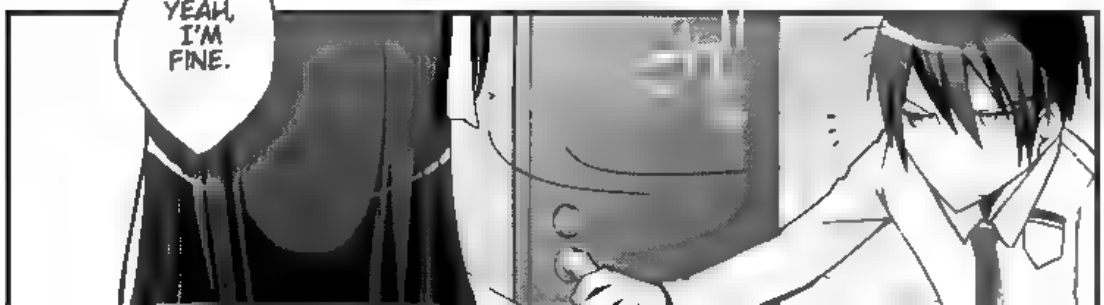
WHAAAASH
THE BATH?!
BAM
SPLASH
!!
BDMP
DING...
SWEAT
AH.
SWEAT
SWEAT
SO SHE CHASED ME OUT BECAUSE SHE WANTED TO TAKE A BATH?

THE DOORBELL...
GASP
DON'T TELL ME...
SHIRAYUKI ...?!

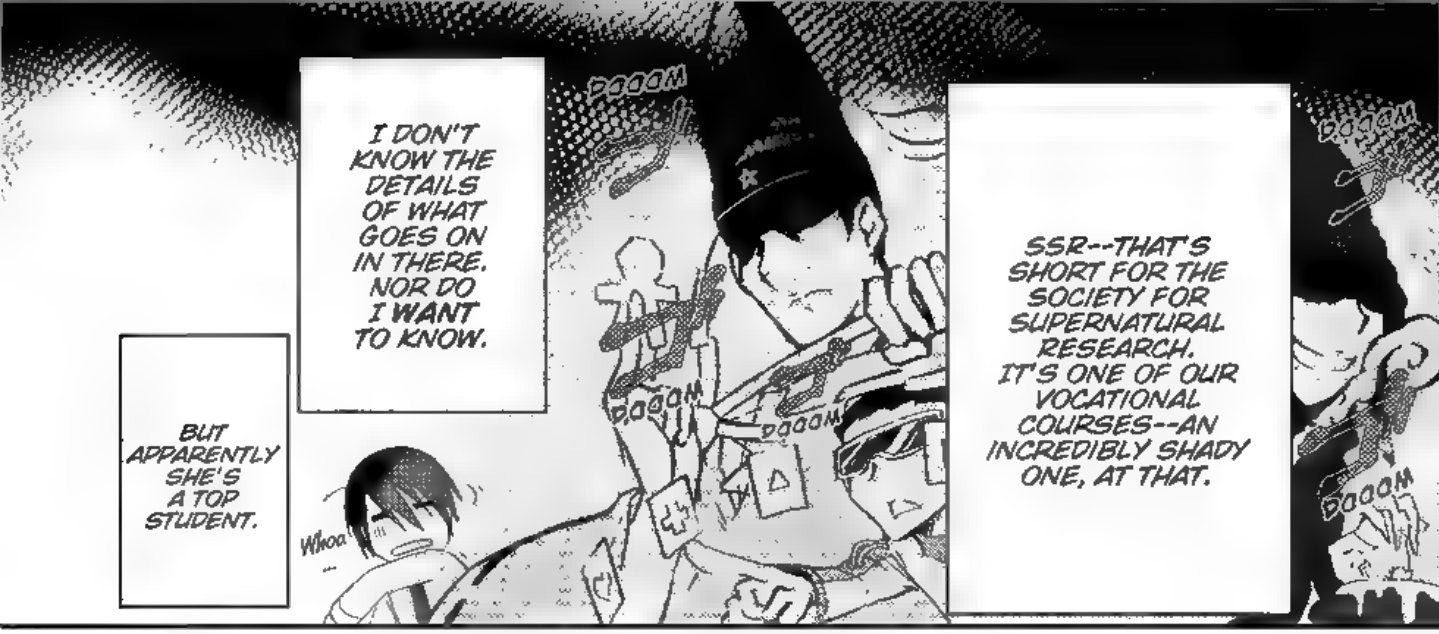

5弾：前門の虎 後門の狼
BULLET 5:
BETWEEN A
ROCK AND A
HARD PLACE

Enemy 2
THIS ISN'T HAPPEN-ING...
THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING!
SQUICK
High School
of
Detective Armed
The third Men's dormitory
#504

CRAP, SHE HEARD THAT...
YEAH...
K-KIN-CHAN?! ARE YOU OKAY?!
SLAM
WHOA!

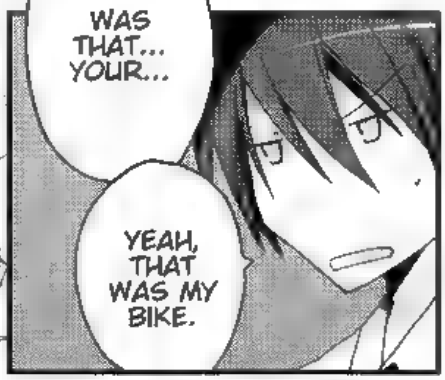

YEAH, I'M FINE.

WH...
WHAT'RE YOU IN THAT GET-UP FOR?
OH...
AND I WANTED TO BRING YOU SOME DINNER AS SOON AS I COULD.
YOU SEE... MY CLASSES RAN LATE...
I WAS IN SUCH A RUSH THAT I DIDN'T THINK TO CHANGE BUT...
I-I CAN GO CHANGE!
ERK
NO, IT'S FINE!
BY "CLASS-ES"...
SHE MUST MEAN HER SSR CLASSES.


I DON'T KNOW THE DETAILS OF WHAT GOES ON IN THERE. NOR DO I WANT TO KNOW.
BUT APPARENTLY SHE'S A TOP STUDENT.
SSR--THAT'S SHORT FOR THE SOCIETY FOR SUPERNATURAL RESEARCH. IT'S ONE OF OUR VOCATIONAL COURSES--AN INCREDIBLY SHADY ONE, AT THAT.
DOOOM
DOOOM
DOOOM
DOOOM
Whoa

A-ARE YOU OKAY?!
ARE YOU HURT?! L-LET ME PATCH YOU UP!
FWAP
I'M FINE!
Don't touch me!

OH, KIN-CHAN...
HA, THERE'S PRACTICALLY A SUPER-NATURAL PHENOMENON GOING ON IN MY ROOM RIGHT AS WE SPEAK.
THE NEWS-LETTER THAT WAS SENT OUT THIS MORNING, ABOUT THE BIKE BOMBING...

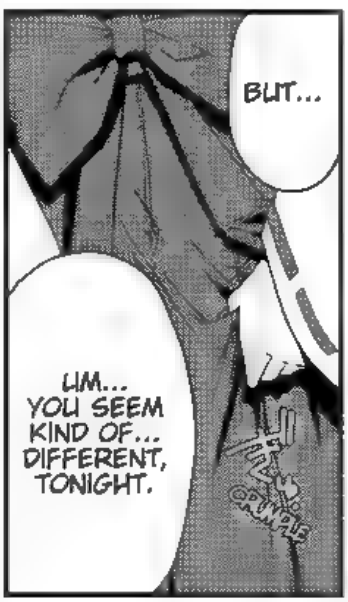

WAS THAT... YOUR...
YEAH, THAT WAS MY BIKE.

BOOOM
BUT FOR ANYONE TO TRY TO HARM YOU...!
WHEN I FIND THEM I'LL TEAR THEM LIMB FROM LIMB AND BURY THEM IN CONCRE--
I MEAN, PUT THEM BEHIND BARS!!
Concrete?
I-IT'S OKAY ...
CLENCH
O-OKAY ...
PHEW
I'M SO GLAD YOU'RE NOT HURT.

SIGGG
Y-YES ...
UM... YOU'RE RIGHT ...
SO FORGET ABOUT IT!
COME ON, THIS IS BUTEI HIGH. GETTING SHOT AT IS NOTHING NEW.

WAVE
I-IT'S JUST YOUR IMAGINA-TION!
ANYWAY, MOVING ON!
WAVE
WAVE
WHAT ARE YOU HERE FOR?!

LIKE YOU'RE COLDER THAN USUAL...
D-DIFFER-ENT?
HOW SO?
EEK


BUT...
UM... YOU SEEM KIND OF... DIFFERENT, TONIGHT.

SO I WON'T BE ABLE TO COOK FOR YOU FOR A WHILE...
I MADE YOU STEAMED RICE WITH BAMBOO SHOOTS FOR DINNER.
THEY'RE IN SEASON, AND I HAVE TO GO TO A TRAINING CAMP AT MOUNT OSORE TOMORROW.
O-OH, UM!
HERE!
SWSH
I-I COOKED FOR YOU TWICE TODAY...
I-I KIND OF...
FEEL LIKE I'M YOUR WIFE...
BLUSH
SNATCH
O-OH, THANKS!
SWAP
THAT'S THAT!
BUSY
BYE NOW!

SYMBOL: CONGRATULATIONS
T/N: IN JAPAN, THE TURTLE AND CRANE ARE SYMBOLS OF LONG LIFE AND GOOD FORTUNE.
YOU UNDERSTAND?
BLUUUH
OH, KIN-CHAN, YOU...
Y-YOU MEAN...
STEEEAM
AHA AHAHA
OKAY, OKAY!
I TOTALLY UNDERSTAND, SO PLEASE GO HOME!
OH DEAR, WHAT AM I SAYING?
I'M SO WEIRD, SO WEIRD!
W-WHAT DO YOU THINK, KIN-CHAN?
YOU'D HAVE ME AS YOUR WI--
SPLASH
SPLASH
HOME YOU GO!!
SHOVE
NO, IT'S JUST ME!!
CLACK
...
JOLT
!!
IS SOMEONE ELSE INSIDE?

BADUMP
N...
KIN-CHAN.
ARE YOU HIDING SOMETHING FROM ME?
HWOO
NO! NOPE, NEVER!
THERE ARIA-- AREN'T!
WAVE
THERE AREN'T ANY SECRETS IN HERE!!
CLICK
SMILE
OKAY!
YOU HAD ME WORRIED!

BUT I STILL HAVE TO COVER MY BACK!
CLUNK
THAT'S ONE THING TAKEN CARE OF.
ALL RIGHT.
FWAP
TMP TMP
CONSIDERING ARIA'S TEMPER...
IF SHE REALIZES I GOT BACK WHILE SHE WAS TAKING A BATH...
*THIS IMAGE IS A DRAMATIZATION, AND MAY BE DIFFERENT FROM THE ACTUAL ARIA-M. KANZAK
SHE'LL ATTACK ME, NO QUESTIONS ASKED.
SO I'LL HAVE TO TAKE HER WEAPONS BEFORE SHE--
SWP

CLACK

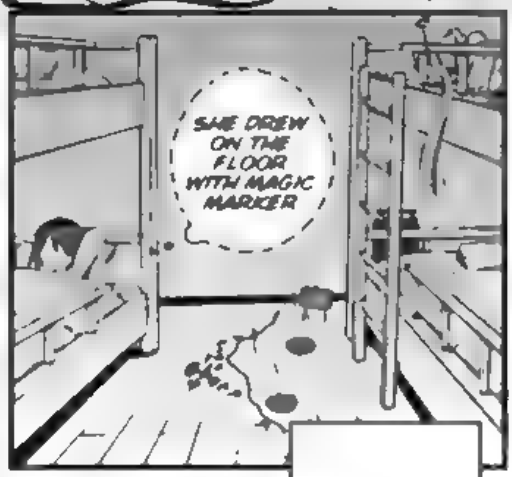
W--
WAIT!
FWAP
YOU...
PERVERT!
TWITCH
SWISH

FLAP
FLAP
DIE!!
ERK!
WHUMP
SFX: TREMBLE TREMBLE

WHOOSH
DROP DEAD!!
WHAM
YOU HOPELESS PERVERT!!
WHERE DID I GO WRONG?
GOD, IF YOU'RE LISTENING:

WHY IS THIS HAPPENING TO ME?
Cross this line and you die!

A morning of peace, hopefully.
AND THEN SHE HAS THE GALL TO TELL ME TO GO BACK TO ASSAULT?


SHE DREW ON THE FLOOR WITH MAGIC MARKER

SHE'S SO ANNOYING.
NOT ONLY HAS SHE INVADED MY LIFE, SHE'S MARKED HER TERRITORY.

I DON'T HAVE ANY PARTICULAR GOALS FOR MY FUTURE.
I DON'T CARE WHAT I BECOME.
OR WHAT I CAN'T BECOME.

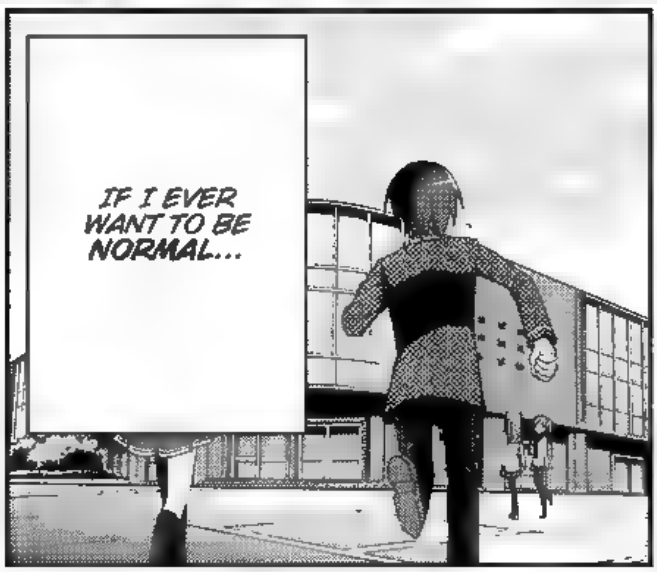
RAWR
STUPID KINJI!
WAKE UP!
WHAM
BUT ...
I REFUSE TO BECOME A BUTEI.
I'LL DO ANYTHING BUT THAT.

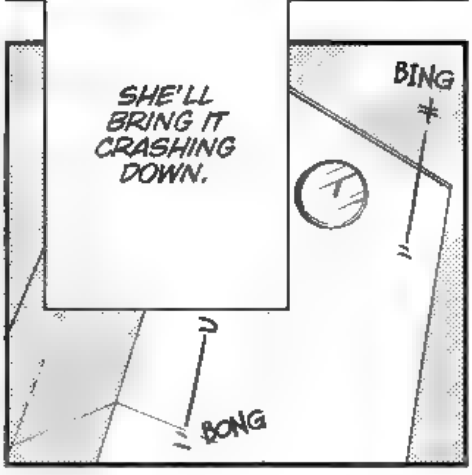
WHAFF ARE YOU DOING?!
TWIST
TWIST
WHERE'S MY BREAK-FAST?!
GWSH
I'M HUNGRY!
HNNG
HNNG
HNNG
HNNG
NOT... MY... PROBLEM!
FWAP
FWAP
FWAP
FWAP
FWAP
FWAP
FWAP
I'M DYING OF HUNGER HUNGER HUNGER HUNGEEER!
YOU DON'T SOUND LIKE IT!
GET OFF, IDIOT!
IDIOT?!
FWAP
LIKE YOU'RE ONE TO TALK!
DASH

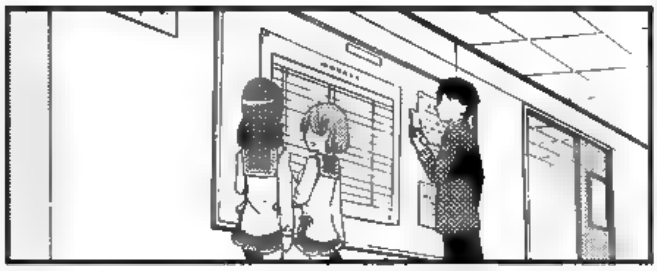
...
TAP
ARIA.
RAWR!
DUCK
POOM
WHAT?!
WE SHOULD GO TO SCHOOL SEPARATELY.
YOU LEAVE FIRST
TCH
FLAIL
GEER
FLAIL
FLAIL
FLAIL
FLAIL
FLAIL

GRRR
YOU'RE GOING TO RUN! YOU CAN'T FOOL ME!
WE'RE IN THE SAME CLASS! I SIT RIGHT NEXT TO YOU! I CAN'T RUN!
WHY?
BECAUSE IT'LL BE A PAIN IF ANYONE SEES US COME OUT TOGETHER.
THIS IS A BOYS' DORM.
HMPH
PUFFING OUT YOUR CHEEKS ISN'T GOING TO MAKE ME CHANGE MY MIND.
FWAP
WE'RE LEAVING SEPARA--
NO! I WON'T LET YOU GET AWAY!
YOU'RE MY SLAVE!
LET... GO... YOU...!
CHOMP

SIGN: BUS ROUTES: BOYS' DORM #3







BOARD, BIG: QUEST BOARD
LITTLE: TOKYO BUTEI HIGH ADMIN

AT BUTEI HIGH, STARTING WITH FIFTH PERIOD...
STUDENTS DIVIDE INTO THEIR VOCATIONAL COURSES FOR PRACTICAL TRAINING.
CLACK
THERE.
I'VE GOT A QUEST.
SO WHILE I'M OUT OF HER SIGHT, I'LL START PREPARING MY COUNTERATTA--
ARIA WILL BE IN COMBAT TRAINING IN THE ASSAULT DIVISION.
OH, KIIINJI...
WHY ARE YOU HERE?!
BECAUSE YOU ARE!
SLUMP
Foiled already!

I HAVE ENOUGH CREDITS TO GRADUATE ALREADY.
SO WHAT KIND OF QUESTS DO YOU USUALLY TAKE?
THAT'S NOT A REAL ANSWER.
WHAT ABOUT YOUR ASSAULT CLASSES?
YEAH.
Because I didn't take the third semester's final exams.
YOU'RE AN E-RANK STUDENT?
NOTHING THAT WOULD INTEREST YOU.
JUST SIMPLE QUESTS BEFITTING AN E-RANK BUTEI.
NOW GO AWAY.
AFTER BASIC TRAINING...
*RESOLVING INCIDENTS THEY JUST HAPPEN TO COME ACROSS IS ALSO ACCEPTABLE.
...BUTEI HIGH STUDENTS CAN TAKE ON QUESTS SUBMITTED BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

WHEN I TOOK MY ENTRANCE EXAM, I WAS PLACED IN THE S RANK.
BECAUSE I WAS IN HYSTERIA MODE.
LOOK, I DON'T CARE ABOUT RANKINGS.
HMM
TRUE. RANKINGS DON'T MATTER.
BUSH
TELL ME WHAT QUEST YOU TOOK TODAY.
WHY SHOULD I TELL YOU?
SO...
HIGH
DEPENDING ON THEIR QUEST RECORDS AND TRAINING SCORES...
STUDENTS ARE ASSIGNED A RANK FROM A THROUGH E.
BUT ABOVE ALL THE OTHER RANKS IS THE SPECIAL S RANK.

BOARD, LEFT: QUEST SUMMARY
TOP: DAIBA: PHOTOGRAPHY SHOOT
0.3
MIDDLE: OUME CITY: FIND A LOST CAT (INQUESTA)
0.1
BOTTOM: DAIBA: HELP AT AN EVENT
0.1
A CAT?
I'M GOING TO OUME CITY TO SEARCH.
OH? YOU WANT ME TO BLOW YOU A NEW HOLE?
...I'M LOOKING FOR A LOST CAT.
FWSH
HMM.
TNP
IT'S WORTH 10,000 YEN AND ONE-TENTH OF A CREDIT.
YEAH, I HATE YOU. DON'T FOLLOW ME!
NO.
Don't follow me.
...DO YOU DISLIKE ME THAT MUCH?
STOP FOLLOW-ING ME.
I WANT TO SEE YOU AT WORK!

DOOOM
DOOOM
IF YOU SAY "DON'T FOLLOW ME" ONE MORE TIME I'LL BLOW YOU A NEW HOLE!
...
SO, YOU'RE LOOKING FOR A CAT...
HOW ARE YOU GOING TO USE DETECTIVE SKILLS TO FLUSH IT OUT?
IT'S NOT A SCIENCE. I'M JUST GOING TO WALK AROUND PLACES WHERE I THINK A CAT MIGHT GO.
WHAT ABOUT YOU, ANY PLANS?
HMM
I'M NOT GOOD AT DEDUCTION.
I DIDN'T INHERIT THAT SKILL, I GUESS.

PHONE: APPEARANCE:
WHITE FUR WITH DARK FUR AROUND THE NOSE, EARTIPS, AND END OF THE TAIL.

BWSH
I ATE, BUT I'M HUNGRY AGAIN!
BUY ME SOMETHING!
SHE'S ALREADY SLOWING ME DOWN...
ANYWAY, I'M HUNGRY.
IT WAS JUST LUNCH-TIME.
DIDN'T YOU EAT?
AHA...
SO SHE LIKES THAT KIND OF THING...
STRAAB
FWAP
SWSH

FWAP
FWAP
I DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING.
FWAP
Come on, I've got your food.
FWAP
--AHH, I'M NOT!
I'M JUST SLENDER! SLENDER!
FWAP
FWAP
HEY.
WOULDN'T STAY UP ON THAT FLAT BODY OF HERS, THOUGH.
JOLT
ARIA.
MUNCH
YOU SHOULDN'T STICK SO CLOSE TO ME WHILE WE SEARCH THIS PARK.
MUNCH
WHY NOT?
NOM
NOM
LOOK AT THAT AND YOU'LL SEE FOR YOURSELF.
MMPH

Hmm...
DOESN'T WANT EVEN A CHANCE OF TOUCHING ARMS WITH ME...
HMPH!!
GULP
SWSH
URGH...
CRNCH
BLUSH
A-A GUY I LIKE?!
BLUSH
WHAT IF THE GUY YOU LIKE HEARS ABOUT IT?
LOOK, JUST GO HOME.
PEOPLE WILL THINK WE'RE DATING IF WE'RE SEEN TOGETHER HERE.
TONK

FWAP
I DON'T... HAVE ANY, AND I DON'T NEED ANY.
LET PEOPLE SAY WHAT THEY WANT.
I DON'T CARE.
SLURP
I COULDN'T CARE LESS ABOUT IT!!
RAAAWR
I-I-I ...
I DON'T HAVE ONE! I'M NOT INTERESTED IN L-L-LOVE--
SURE, BUT YOU DON'T WANT YOUR FRIENDS GETTING THE WRONG IDEA.
IT'S A WASTE OF TIME!
WHAT?
SWIP
BUT LET ME SAY ONE THING.
I GUESS I CAN AGREE WITH THAT.
THAT'S MY DRINK.
PTOO

YOU ...
TRAIL
TRAIL
TRAIL
TRAIL
TRAIL
TRAIL
TRAIL
Hey!
WHY AM I THE GUILTY ONE HERE?
PERVERT!!
BASH

MEW
MEW
HERE, KITTY KITTY...
MEW
MEW
FOUND HIM!
HUP
YOU'LL BE SAFE NOW...
THERE YOU GO!
MEOW ...
I'm not gonna hurt you...
MEW
MEOW
FSSH
MEOW
FSSH
SLIP
HEY!
CALM DOWN--
SKRITCH
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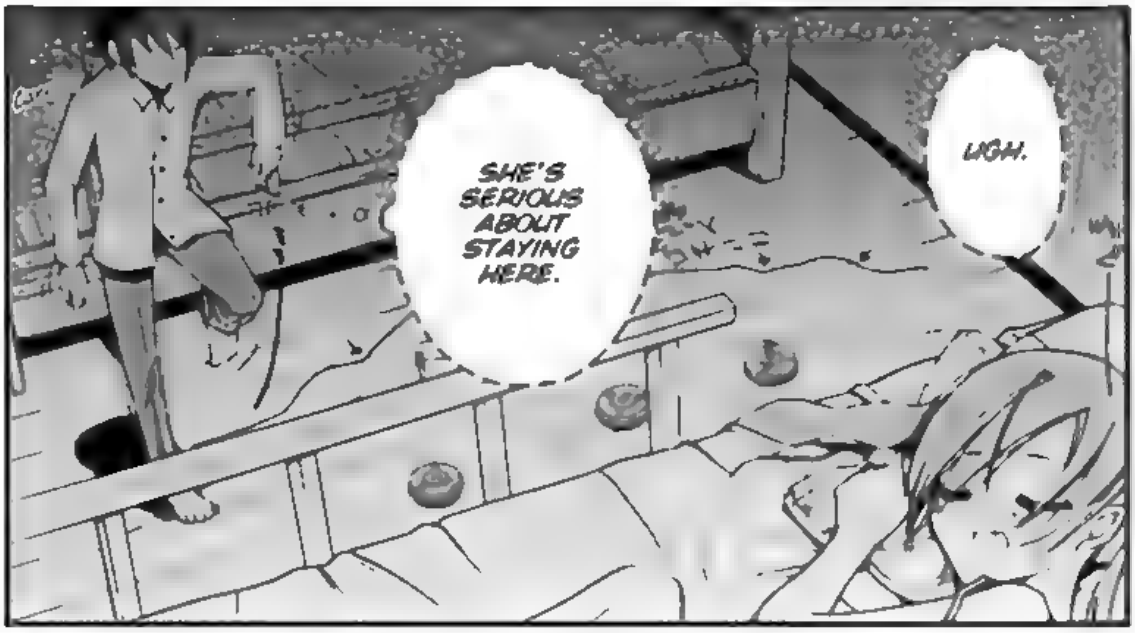
SKRITCH
HISSS

SPLASH
WHOA!
...WEIRDO.

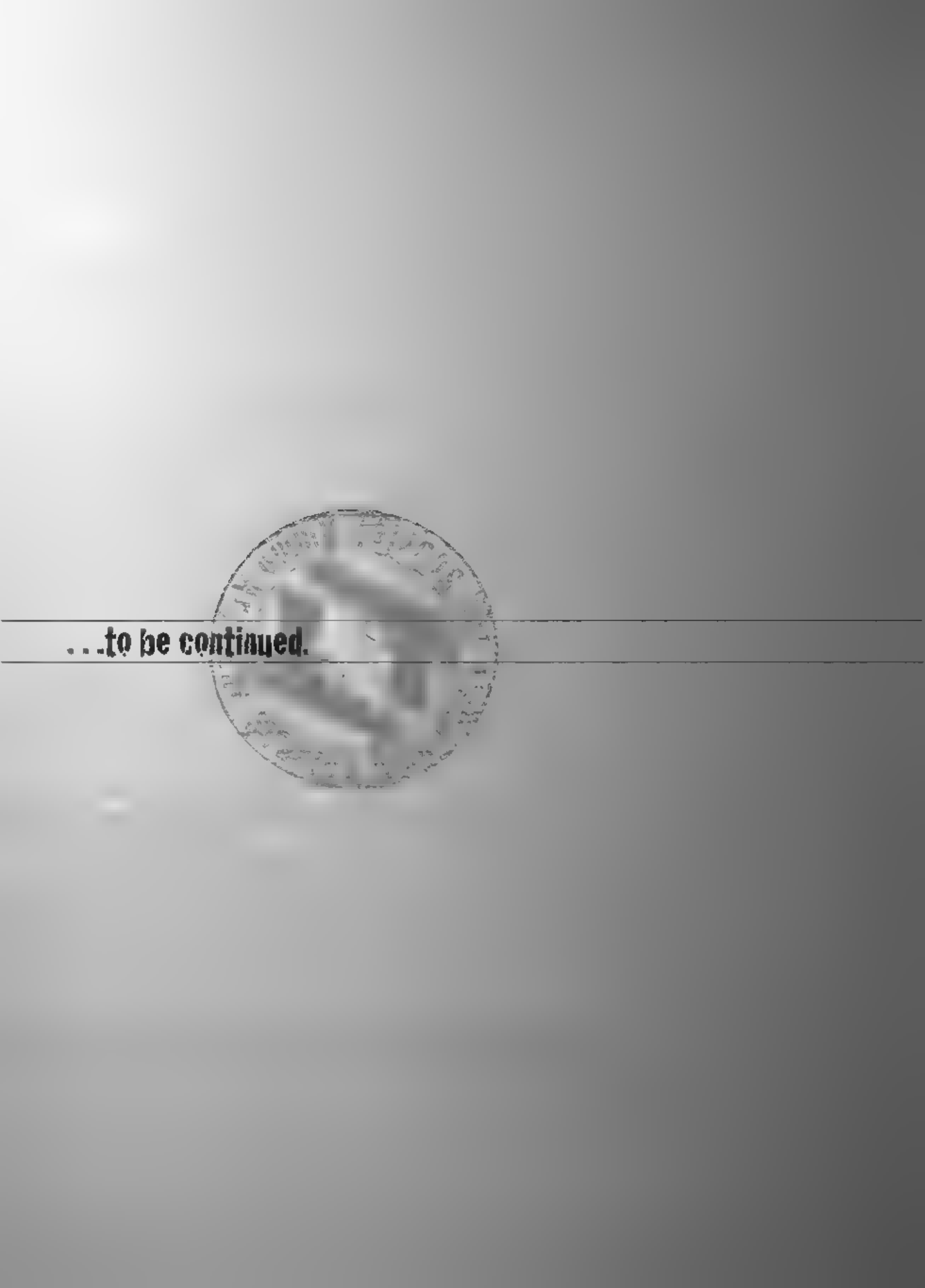

SHE'S SERIOUS ABOUT STAYING HERE.
UGH.

I HATE TO DO THIS, BUT...

Riko
Info Request
MAYBE SHE CAN HELP ME OUT OF THIS.

WHAT-EVER.
THUMP
IF THAT'S HOW SHE'S GONNA PLAY IT, I'VE GOT MY OWN PLAN.

Heh...
HMM HMM...
"ARIA THE QUADRA"...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ARIA THE SCARLET AMMO ORIGINAL CHARACTER DESIGNER'S COMMENTS

ARIA STARTS HERE!

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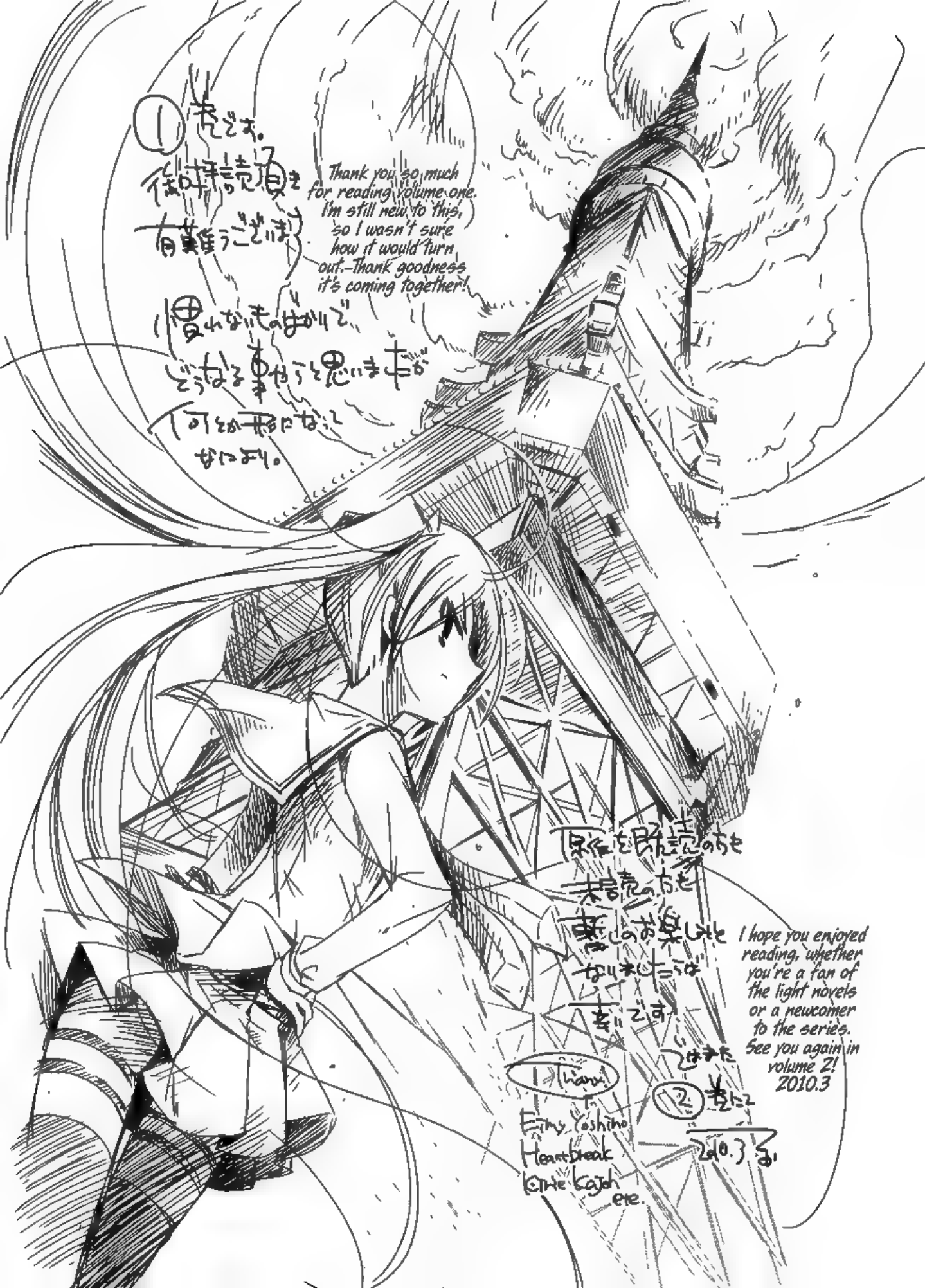
①
Thank you so much for reading volume one. I'm still new to this, so I wasn't sure how it would turn out.–Thank goodness it's coming together!
原作を既読のかた
未読のかた
楽しのお楽しみと
なりますような
本です
I hope you enjoyed reading, whether you're a fan of the light novels or a newcomer to the series. See you again in volume 2!
2010.3
Thank!
Emily Yoshino
Heartbreak
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②
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TRMBL
TRMBL
NOTICE, TITLE: PEACH BUNS NO LONGER FOR SALE
NOTICE, BODY: DUE TO THE PEACH BUN SHORTAGE, WE ARE CURRENTLY UNABLE TO STOCK THEM. SORRY! -:STAR MARK:-
NOTICE, BOTTOM: MORSON CONVENIENCE
QUESTIONS? COMMENTS?
Y-YOU STOLE MY DINNER...
YOU WON'T GET AWAY WITH THIS, EELMASK!
TRMBL
TRMBL
TRMBL
TRMBL
THE WORLD HAS FALLEN INTO A SERIOUS PEACH BUN SHORTAGE!
PEACH BUNS EVERYWHERE HAVE BEEN SWITCHED WITH EEL BUNS--ALL THE WORK OF THE MYSTERIOUS THIEF "EELMASK"!
TRANS-FORM!!
FLASH!
*THIS COMIC IS A WORK OF FICTION. IT WAS NO RELATION TO EXISTING BUTEI, SCHOOLS, OR CASES.
ももまん伝説
PEACH BUN LEGEND
Pretty Aria

BANG
BANG
BANG
BANG
BANG
BANG
BANG
MEET YOUR MAKER!
DROP THOSE PEACH BUNS!
GASP
BAM
THAT'S AS FAR AS YOU GO!
Gasp!
HE'S GONE!
SWOOO
PLOP
ぽっ
SWISH
HEHEH, PRETTY ARIA... SUCH A BRAVE GIRL.
AWA
AWA
AWA
SWISH
FWAP
OUT OF RESPECT FOR YOUR COURAGE, I'LL RETURN A PEACH BUN--TO YOU.
AND SO, TONIGHT'S DINNER WAS DEFENDED.
FIGHT, ARIA! THE FUTURE OF PEACH BUNS (PROBABLY) RESTS IN YOUR HANDS!
BLUUUSH
Fare thee well!
E...
EELMASK...
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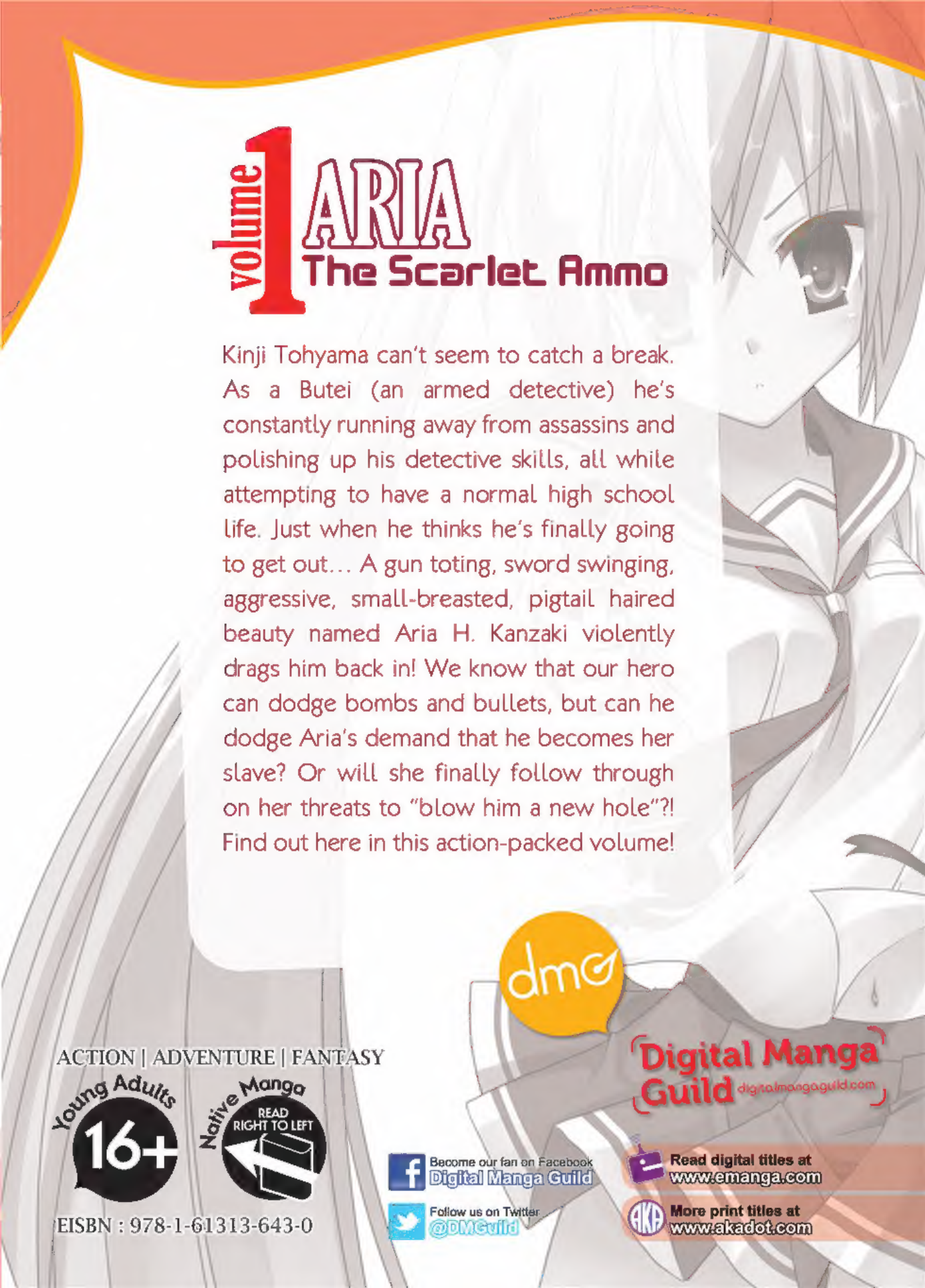

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